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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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Water Supply Availability Committee (WSAC)

Thursday, April 10, 2024, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Zoom: [Click to join](#). (Call-in: 253.205.0468; Meeting ID: 816 5686 6078; Passcode: 038972)

Meeting Objectives – April:

- Share pertinent info and assess water supply conditions in Washington for winter.

Agenda

Time	Agenda item	Responsible
10:00 a.m.	Welcome and agenda review Recap: Drought Declaration and implications	Caroline Mellor, Ecology
10:10 a.m.	Regional Climate Setting/ ENSO	Karin Bumbaco, OWSC
10:25 a.m.	Mountain Conditions	Matt Warbritton, NRCS
10:40 a.m.	Streamflow and Groundwater	Nick Sutfin, USGS
10:55 a.m.	Yakima Project	Mik Lewicki, BOR
11:05 a.m.	Water Supply Forecasts	Amy Burke, NWS
11:20 a.m.	Discussion: What concerns do folks have for drought recovery and Water Year 2025?	All participants Ecology facilitates
11:25 a.m.	Wrap-up	Caroline Mellor, Ecology

Committee Purpose

WSAC provides an important consultative and advisory role to Ecology related to current and forecasted water supply conditions and whether the hydrologic drought threshold has been met or is forecasted to be met: seventy-five percent of normal water supply within a geographic area ([RCW 43.83B.405](#) and [WAC 173-166-050](#)).

Resources

WSAC Website: [Water Supply Availability Committee - WA State Department of Ecology](#)

Ecology Drought homepage: [Drought response - WA State Department of Ecology](#)

Contact

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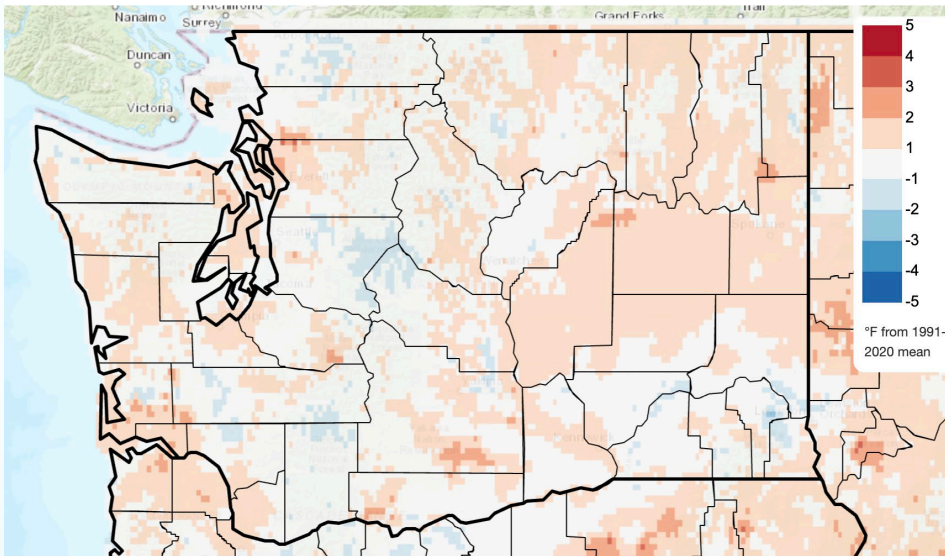
Current Conditions and Seasonal Outlook

Karin Bumbaco
Washington State Climate Office
Climate Impacts Group
University of Washington
April 10, 2025

Water Year 2025

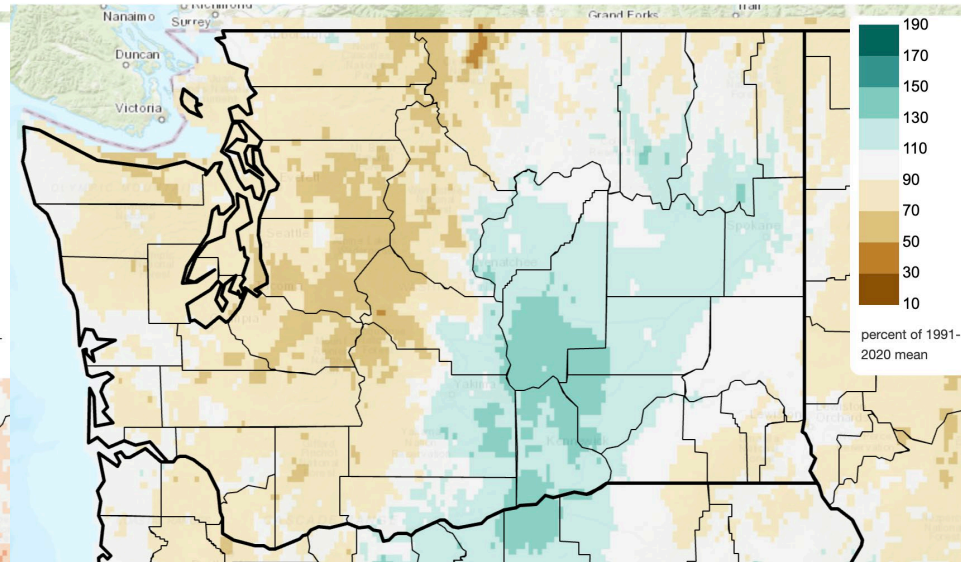
Temperature

Mean Daily Temperature Anomaly, Since Oct 1st
2024/10/01 - 2025/04/07



Precipitation

Total Precipitation Anomaly, Since Oct 1st
2024/10/01 - 2025/04/07



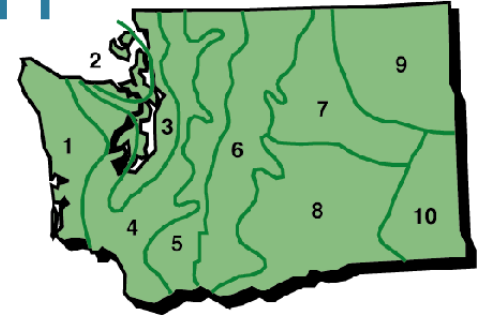
[Climate Toolbox](#)

- Averaged statewide, Oct-Mar temperatures were above normal (+0.6°F)*
- Averaged statewide, Oct-Mar precipitation was near-normal (97% of normal)

*Normal is 1991-2020

Cascade Mountain West Climate Division

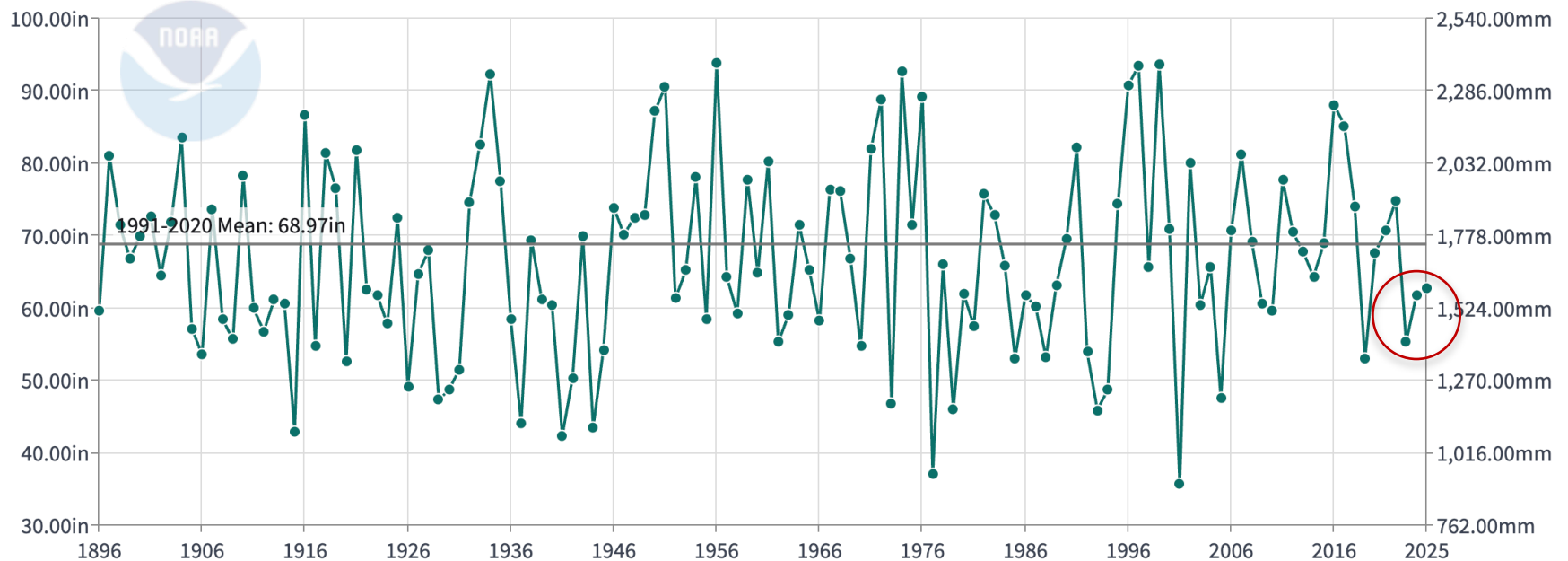
- Averaged across the division, Oct-Mar precipitation was below normal (91% of normal)



Cascade Mountain West (#5)

Washington, Climate Division 5 Precipitation

October-March

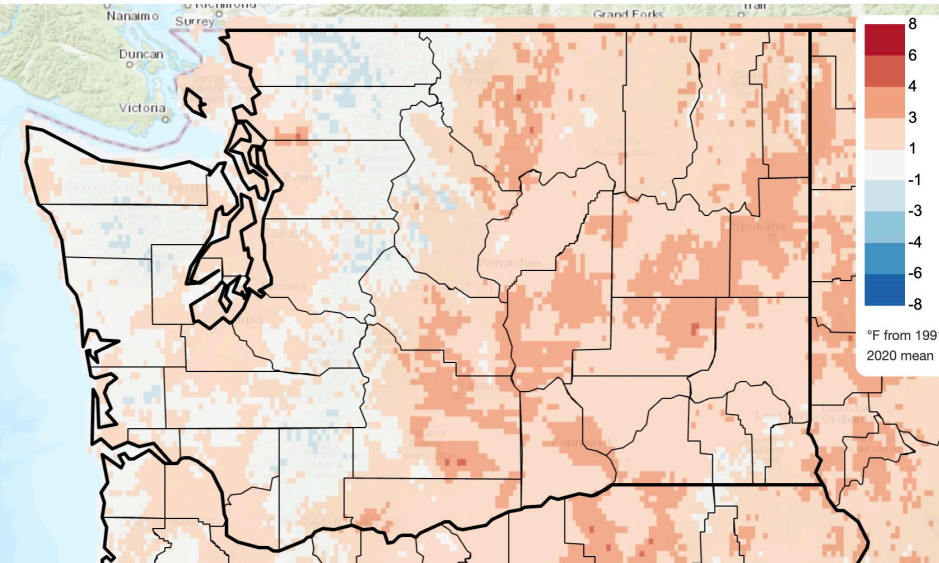


March 2025

Temperature

Mean Daily Temperature Anomaly, Last Full Month

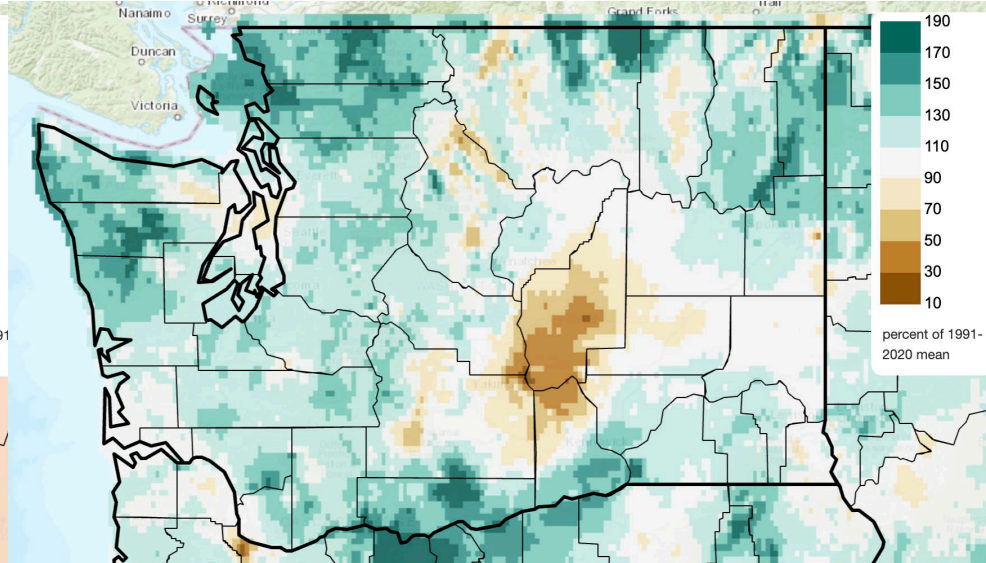
2025/03/01 - 2025/03/31



Precipitation

Total Precipitation Anomaly, Last Full Month

2025/03/01 - 2025/03/31



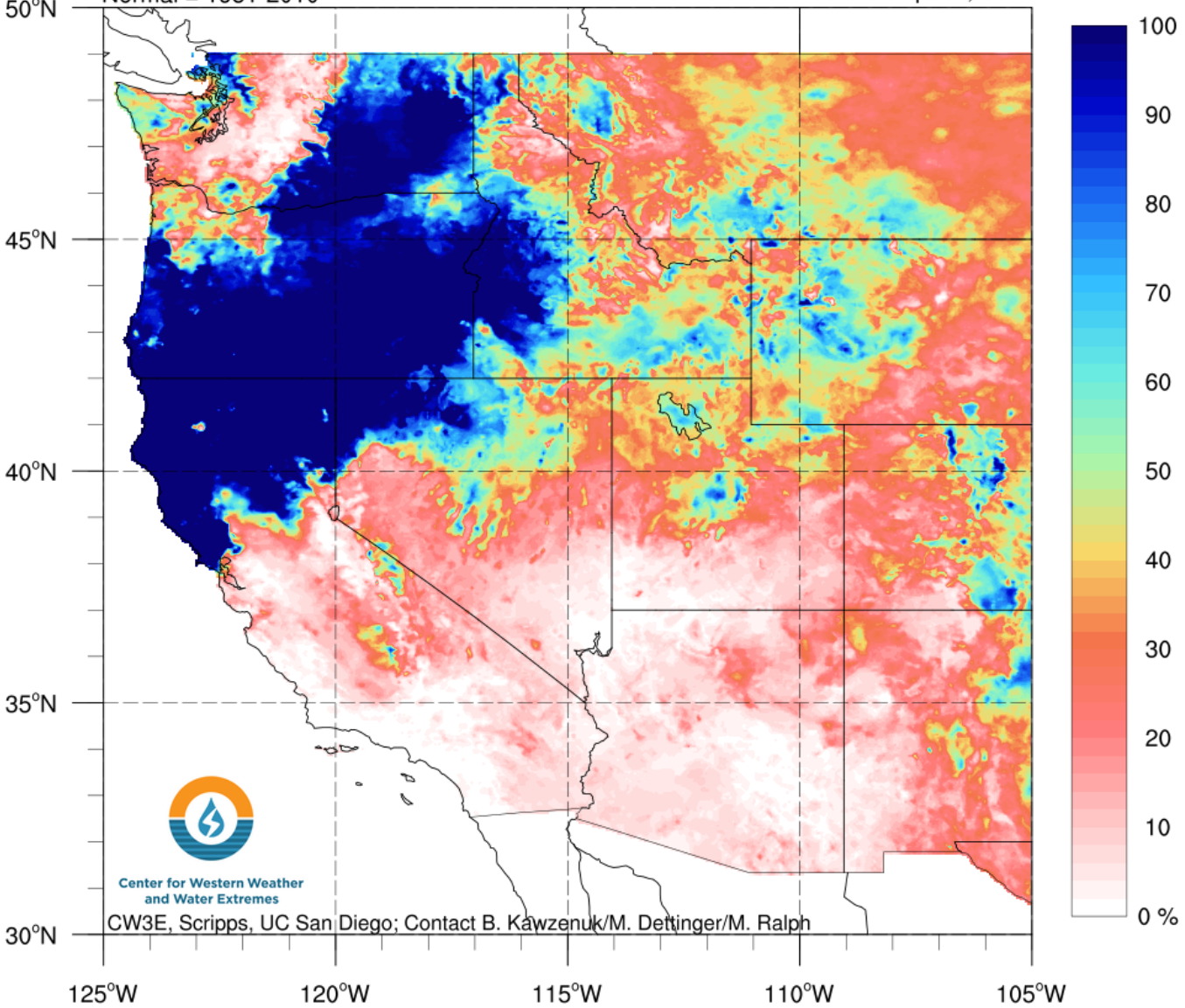
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- Averaged statewide, March temperatures were above normal ($+1.9^{\circ}\text{F}$), tying as the 20th warmest on record*
- Averaged statewide, March precipitation was above normal (115% of normal)

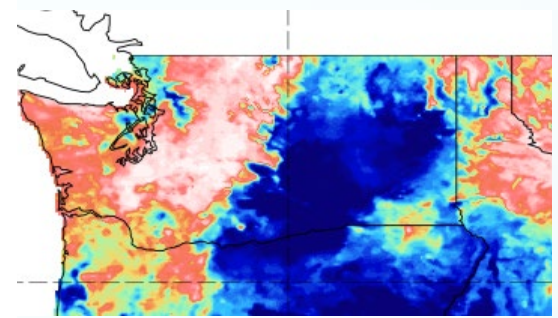
*Records since 1895; Normal is 1991-2020

Odds of Water Year 2025 Reaching 100% of Water Year Normal Precipitation

Normal = 1981-2010 As of April 1, 2025



as of March 1, 2025



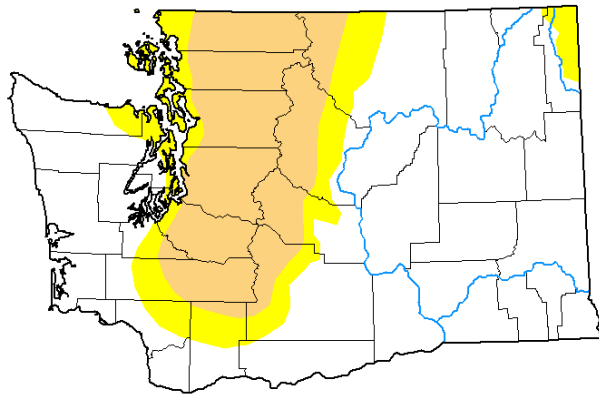
Center for Western Weather
and Water Extremes

CW3E, Scripps, UC San Diego; Contact B. Kawzenuk/M. Dettinger/M. Ralph

Shading represents odds, in percent of water years from 1948-2017
Data courtesy: PRISM Climate Group, Oregon State University, <http://prism.oregonstate.edu>

U.S. Drought Monitor

U.S. Drought Monitor Washington



April 8, 2025
(Released Thursday, Apr. 10, 2025)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

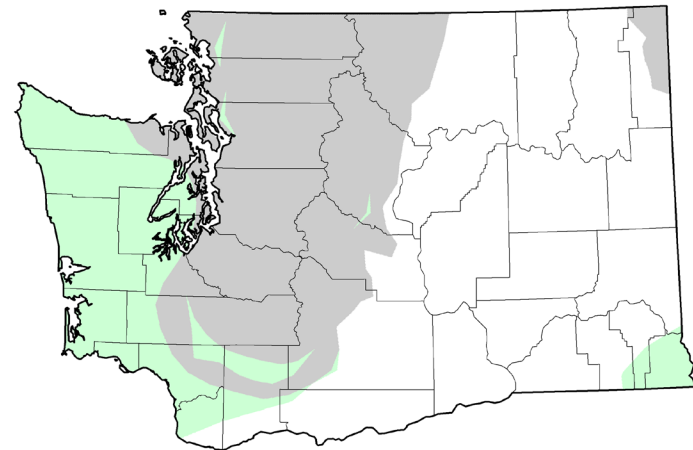
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U.S. Drought Monitor Class Change - Washington 4 Week



April 8, 2025
compared to
March 11, 2025

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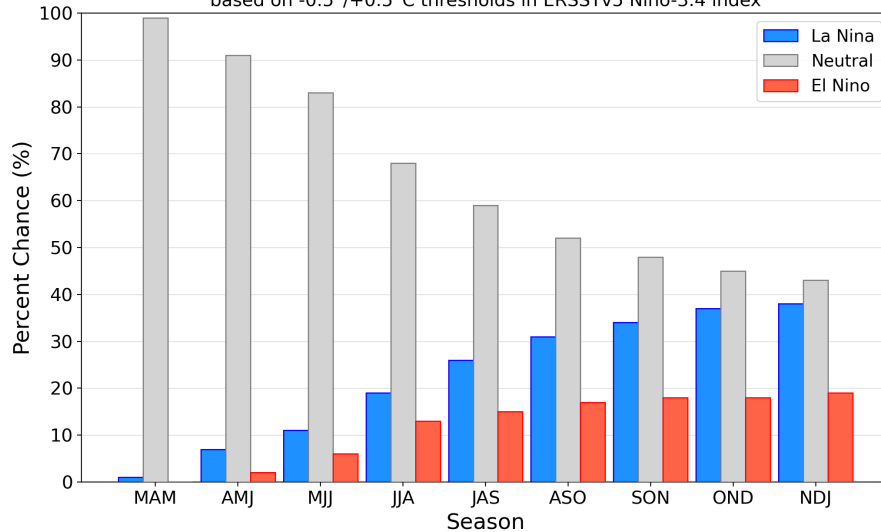
- 5 Class Degradation
- 4 Class Degradation
- 3 Class Degradation
- 2 Class Degradation
- 1 Class Degradation
- No Change
- 1 Class Improvement
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Current Status: Neutral

Final La Niña Advisory: **Neutral Conditions**

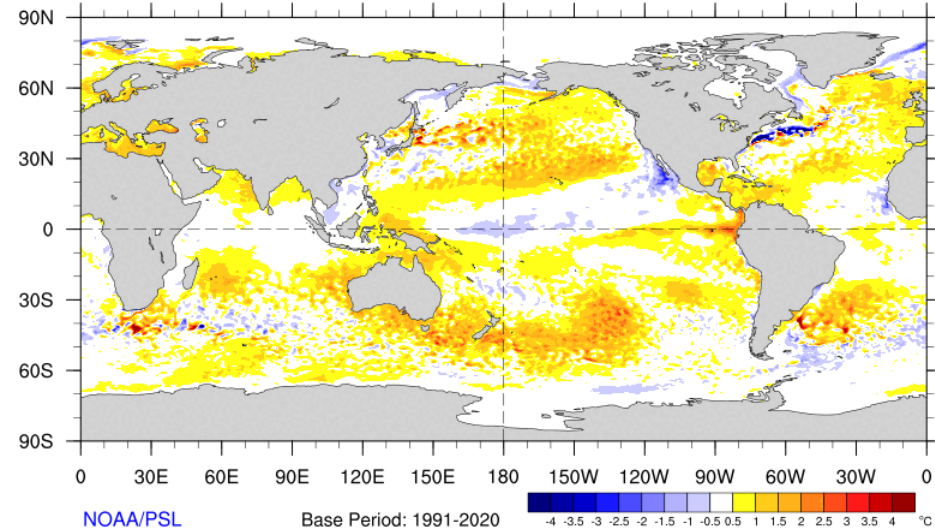
Official NOAA CPC ENSO Probabilities (issued April 2025)

based on $-0.5^{\circ}/+0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ thresholds in ERSSTv5 Niño-3.4 index



Monthly SST Anomaly

2025/03/09 - 2025/04/05

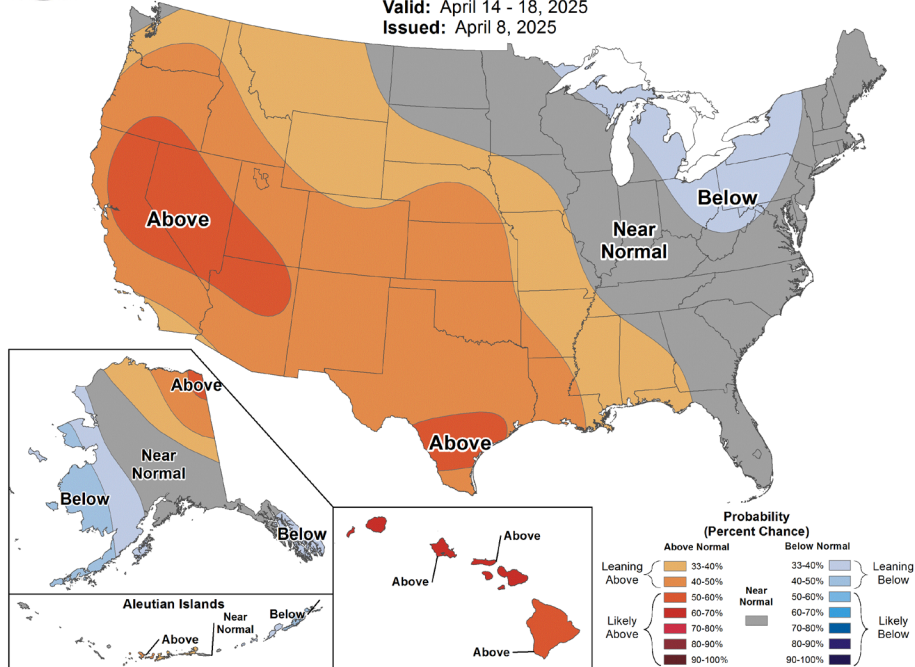


Climate Prediction Center 6-10 Day Outlook



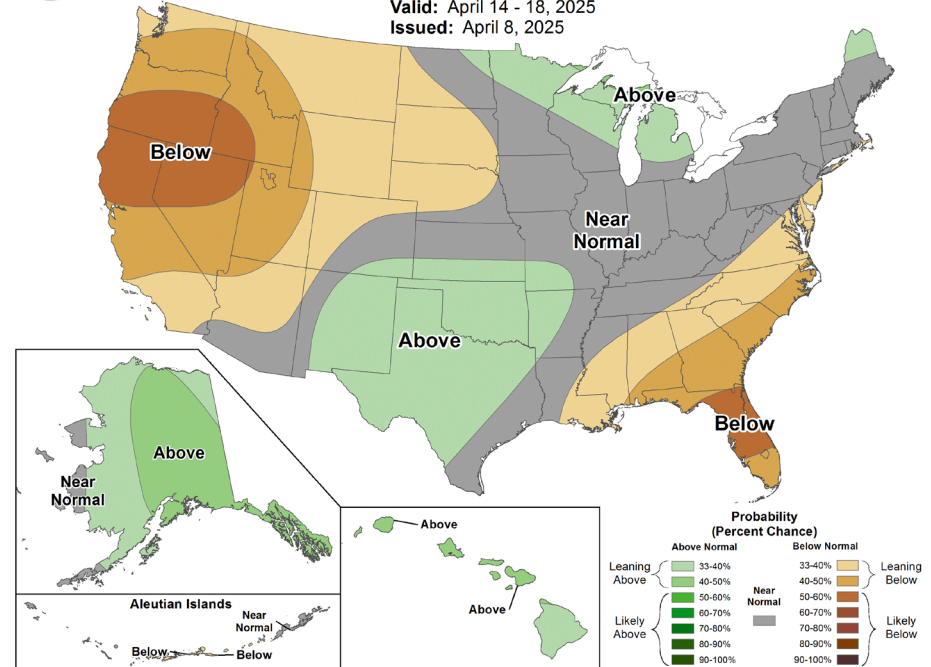
6-10 Day Temperature Outlook

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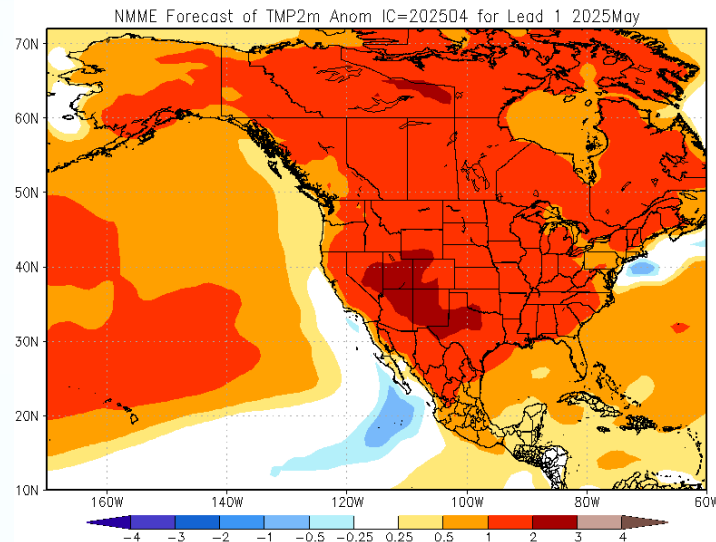


6-10 Day Precipitation Outlook

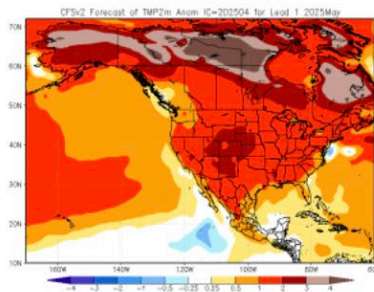
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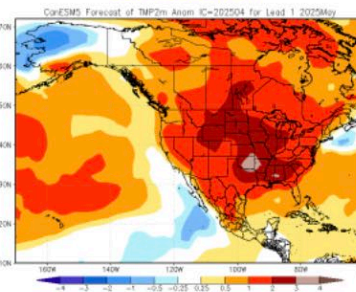
NMME: May Temperatures



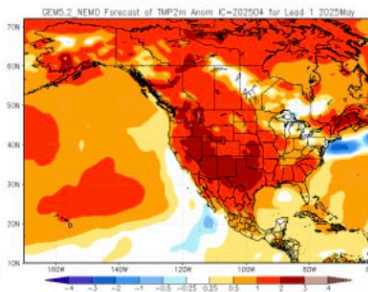
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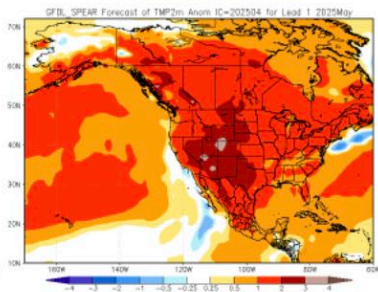
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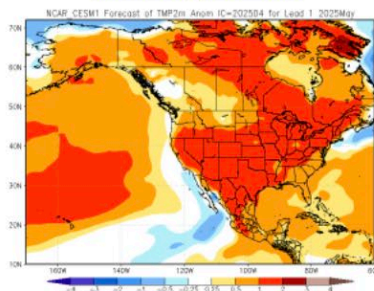
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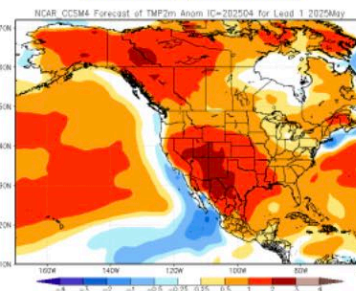
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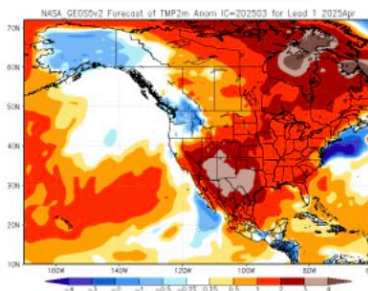
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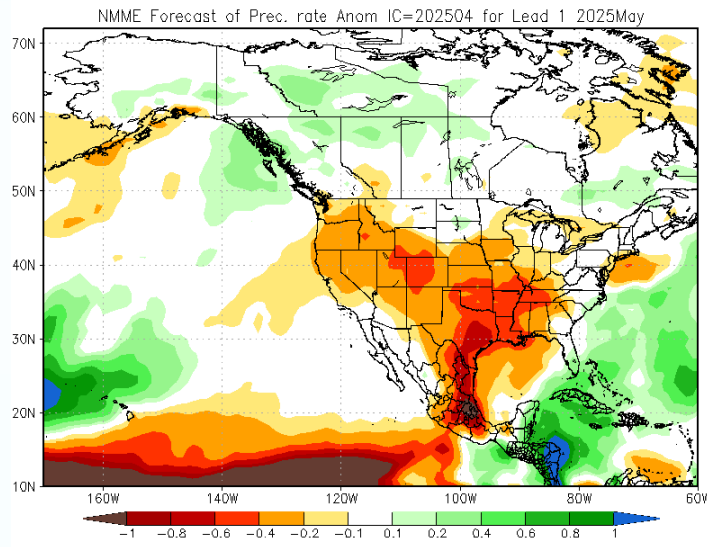
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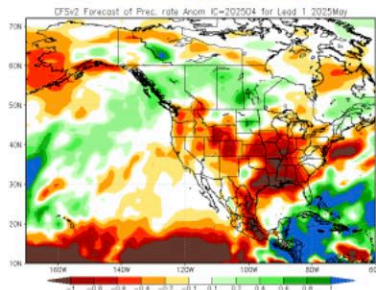
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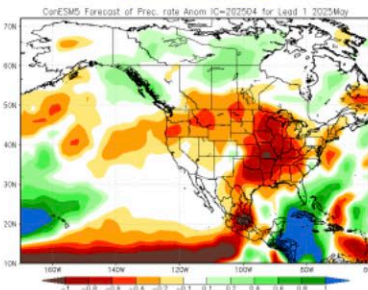
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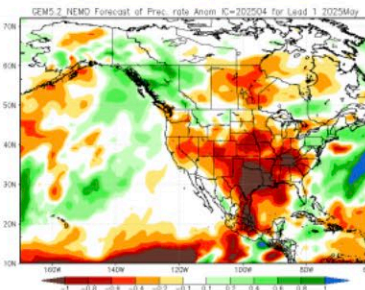
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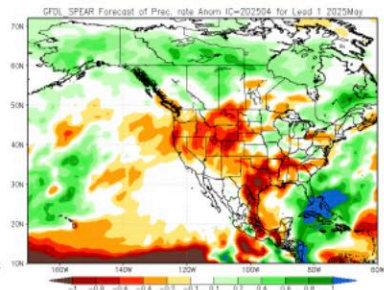
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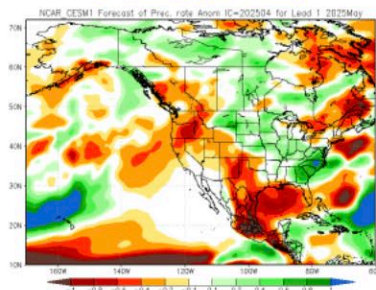
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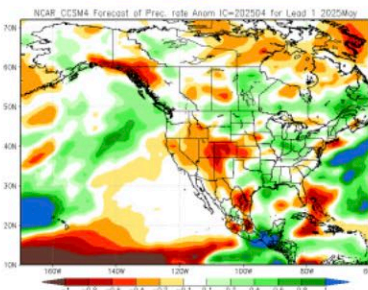
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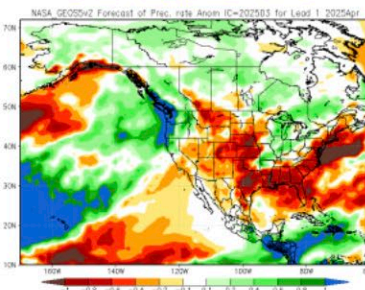
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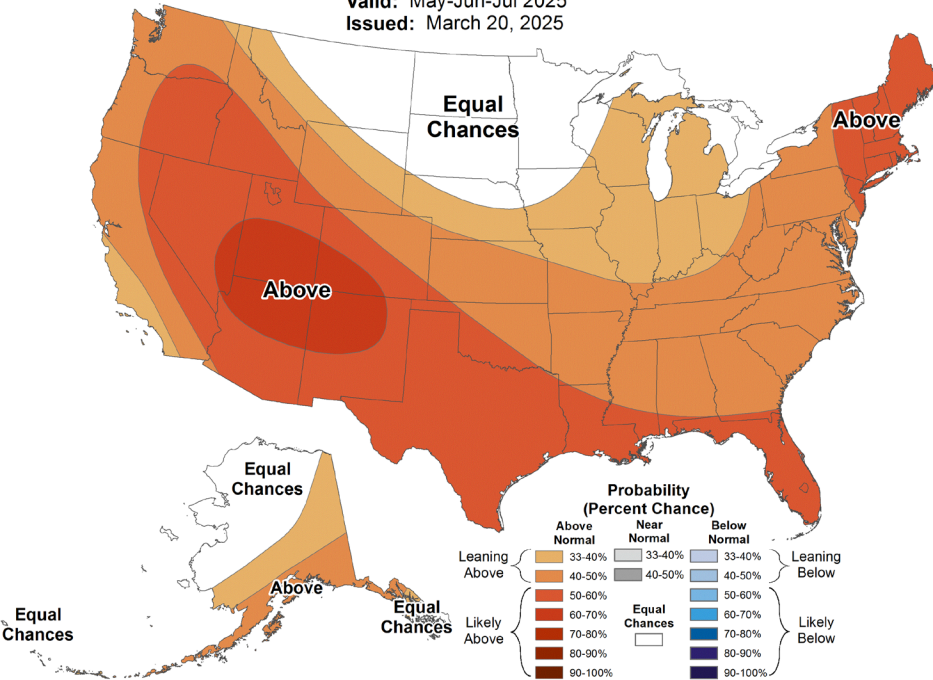


Climate Prediction Center Outlook: May-Jul



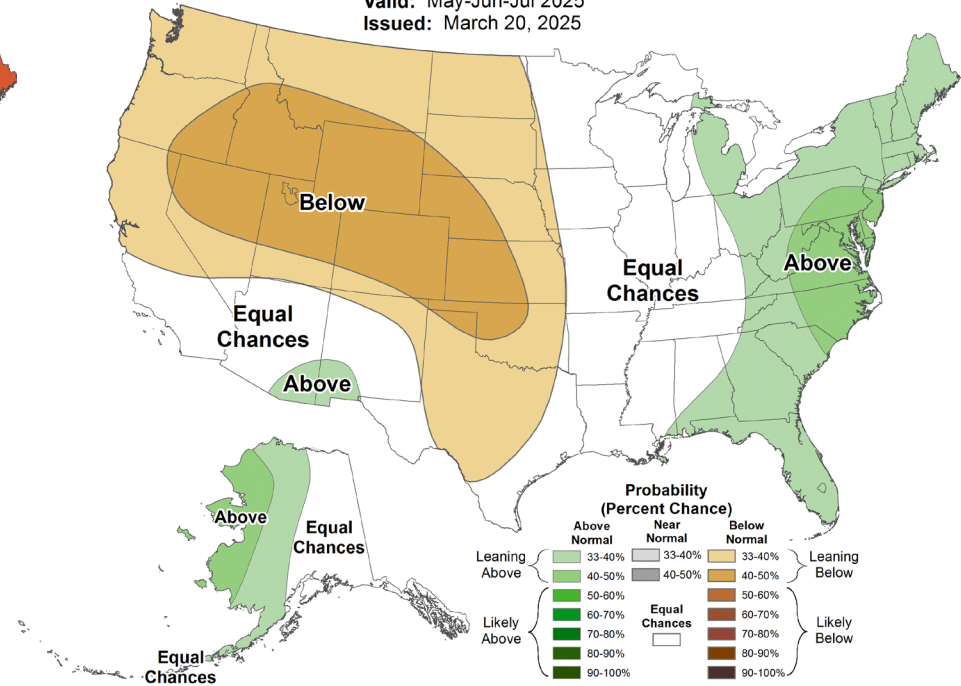
Seasonal Temperature Outlook

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Issued: March 20, 2025



Seasonal Precipitation Outlook

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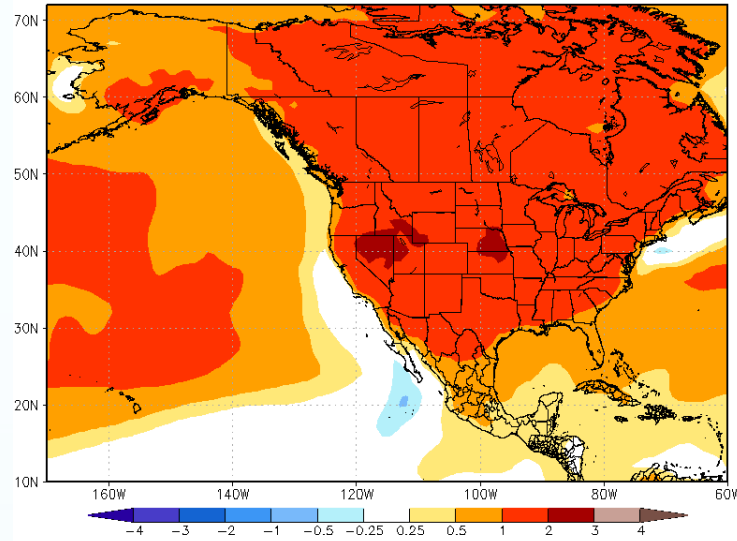
June-August: Higher odds of above normal temps and below normal precip

May-July

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NMME Forecast of TMP2m Anom IC=202504 for Lead 1 2025MJJ



C3S multi-system seasonal forecast

Mean 2m temperature anomaly

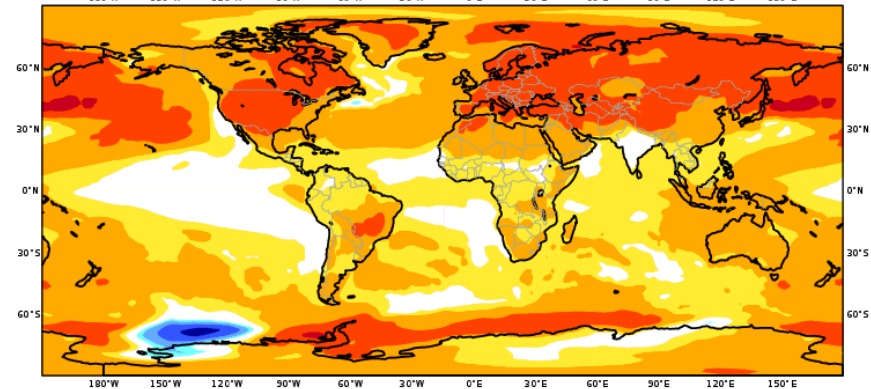
Nominal forecast start: 01/03/25

Variance-standardized mean

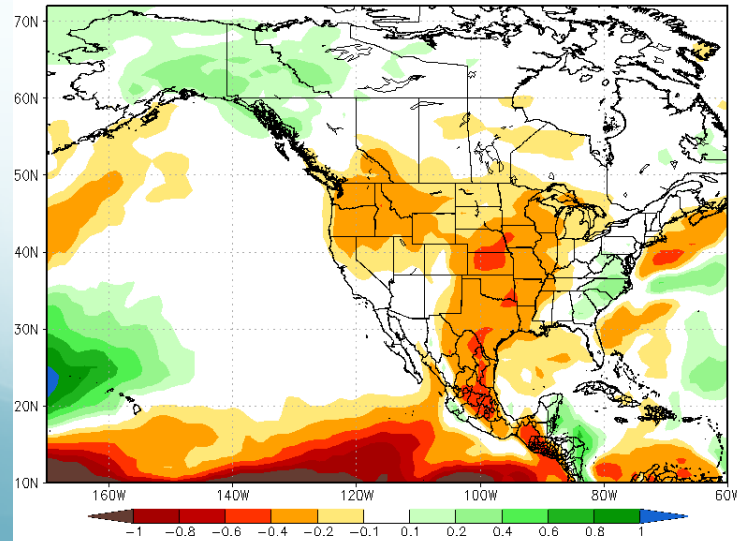
ECMWF/Met Office/Météo-France/CMCC/DWD/NCEP/JMA/ECCC

MJJ 2025

Legend for temperature anomalies: <-2.0°C, -2.0...-1.0, -1.0...-0.5, -0.5...-0.2, -0.2...0.2, 0.2...0.5, 0.5...1.0, 1.0...2.0, >2.0°C



NMME Forecast of Prec. rate Anom IC=202504 for Lead 1 2025MJJ



C3S multi-system seasonal forecast

Mean precipitation anomaly

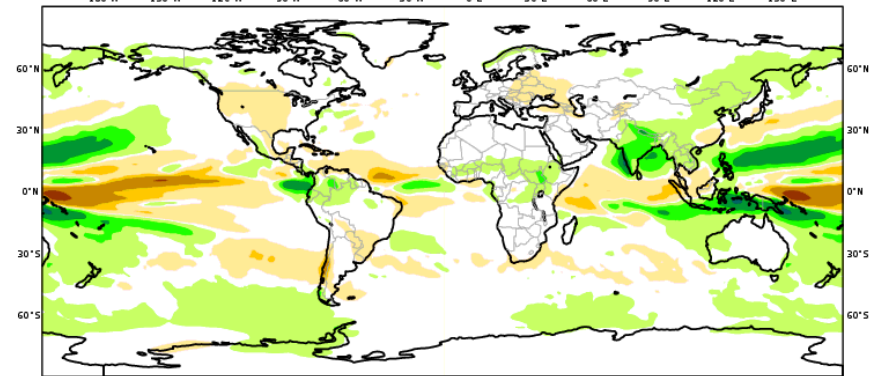
Nominal forecast start: 01/03/25

Variance-standardized mean

ECMWF/Met Office/Météo-France/CMCC/DWD/NCEP/JMA/ECCC

MJJ 2025

Legend for precipitation anomalies: <-200mm, -200...-100, -100...-50, -50...-10, -10...10, 10...50, 50...100, 100...200, >200mm



Temp

Precip

Summary

- Averaged statewide, water year temperatures and precipitation have been near-normal
 - Regional variations: water year precipitation has been below normal for western WA, including the Cascade Mountains
 - Third consecutive year of below normal Oct-Mar precipitation in Cascade Mountain West
- March was wet for most of the state with dynamic snow situation
- Farewell, La Niña!
- There aren't any indications of a late season snow bail out and the forecast for warmer than normal May temperatures could indicate an early meltout



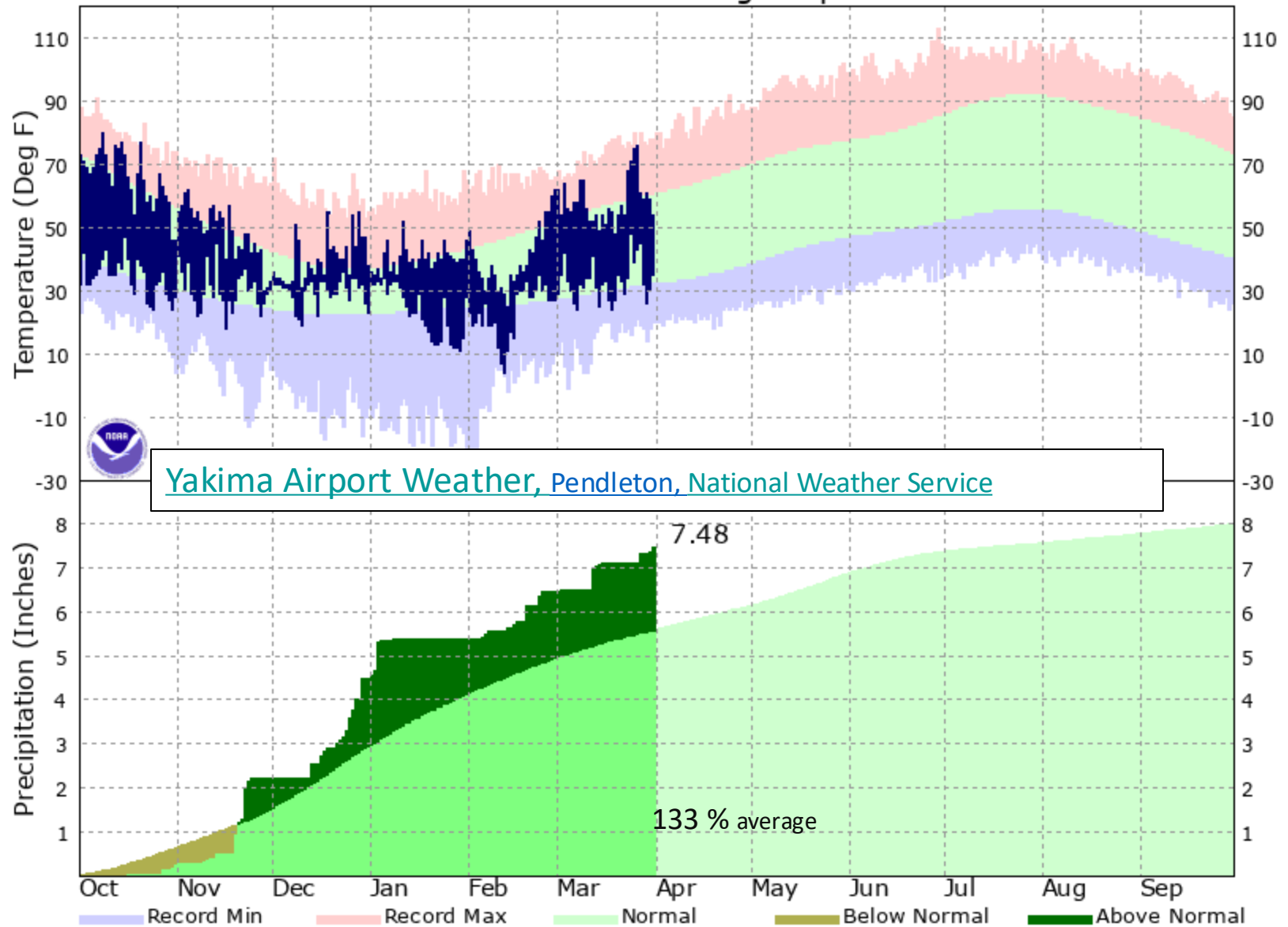
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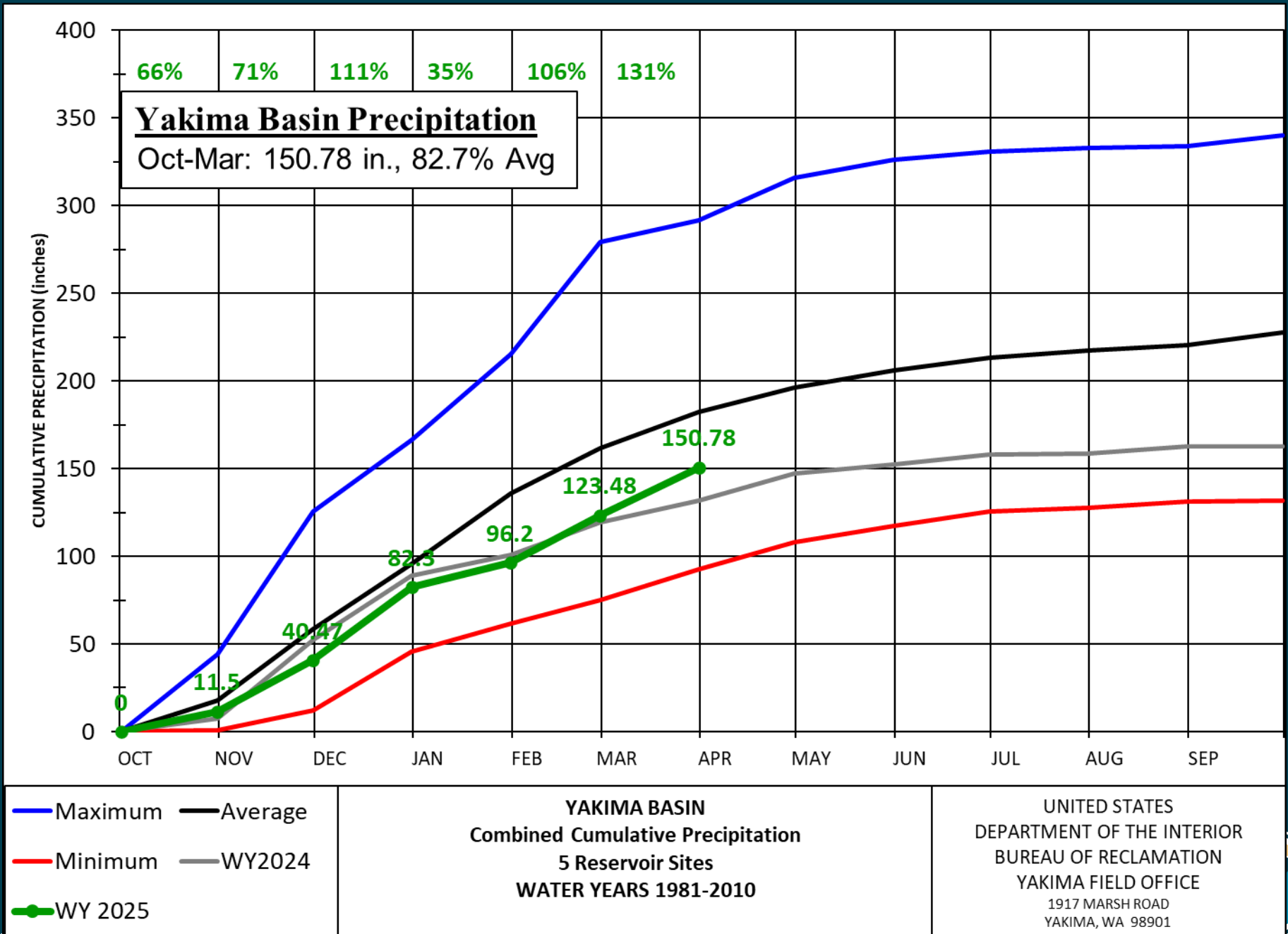
Yakima River Operations & Water Supply

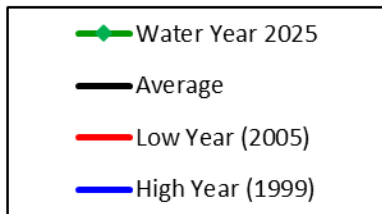
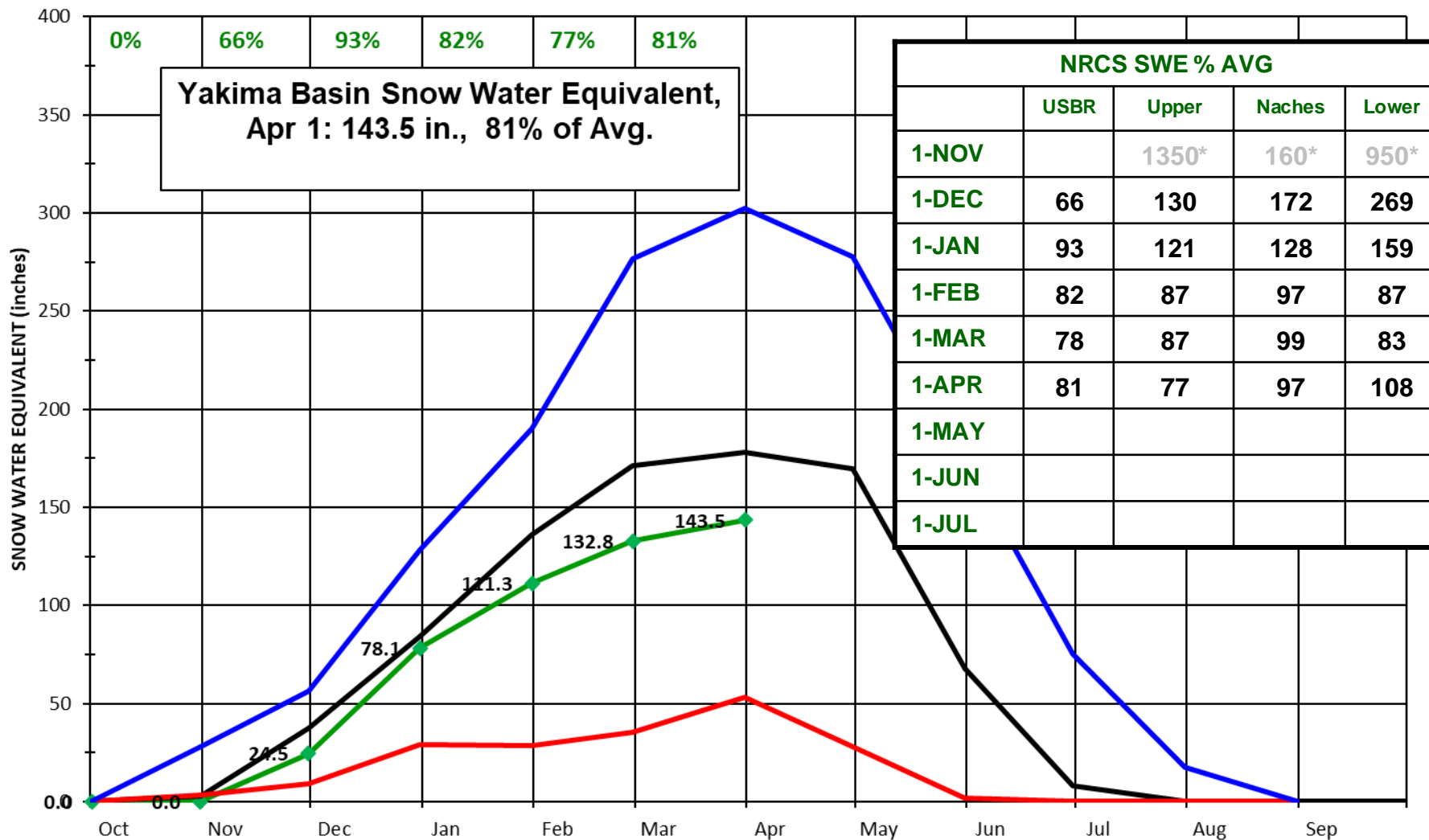
Yakima Basin, Washington

April 2025, WY 2025

KYKM - Oct 2024 Through Sep 2025







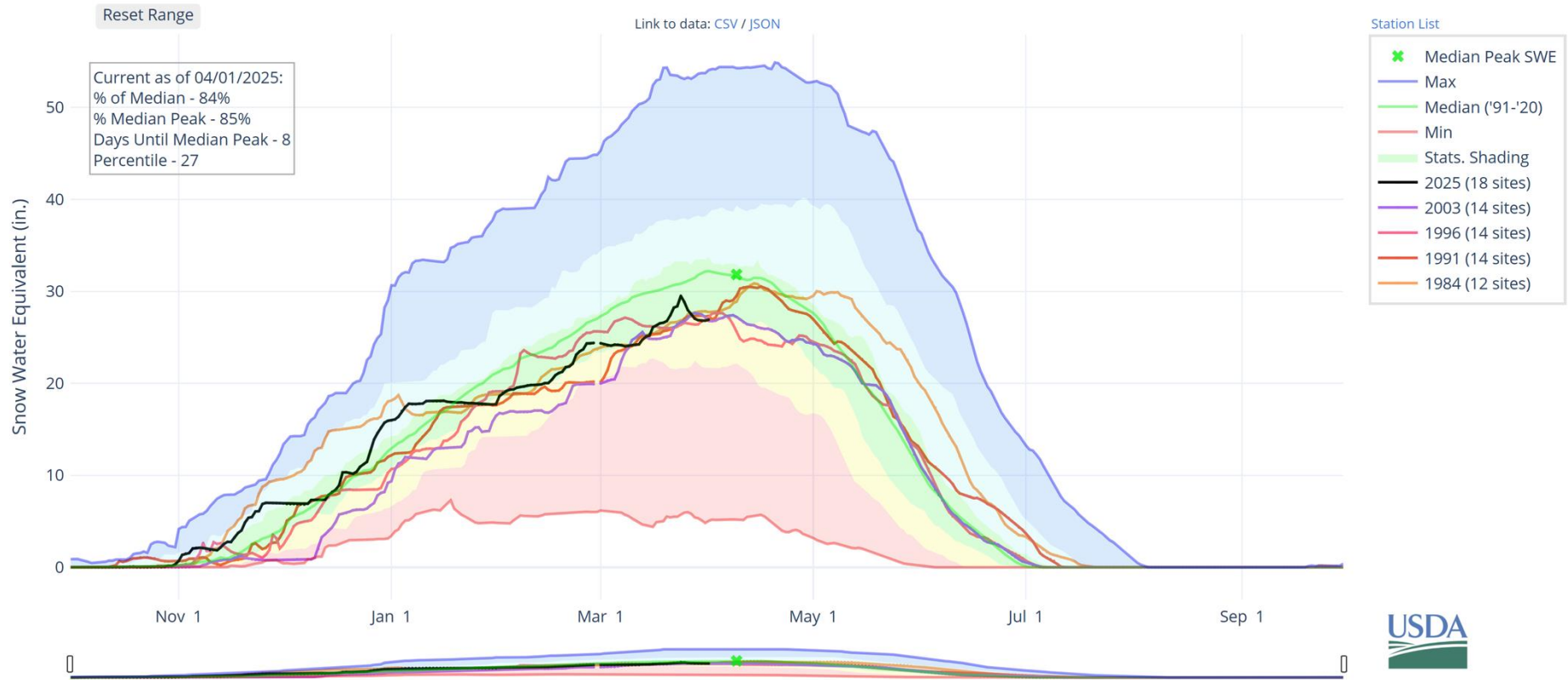
**YAKIMA BASIN WATER YEAR
SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT**

Average based on greater of 1981-2010 or POR-1995
Totals derived from 8 Yakima forecast sites
Corral, Stampede, Olallie, Fish, Bumping, Domerie, & Tunnel Avenue

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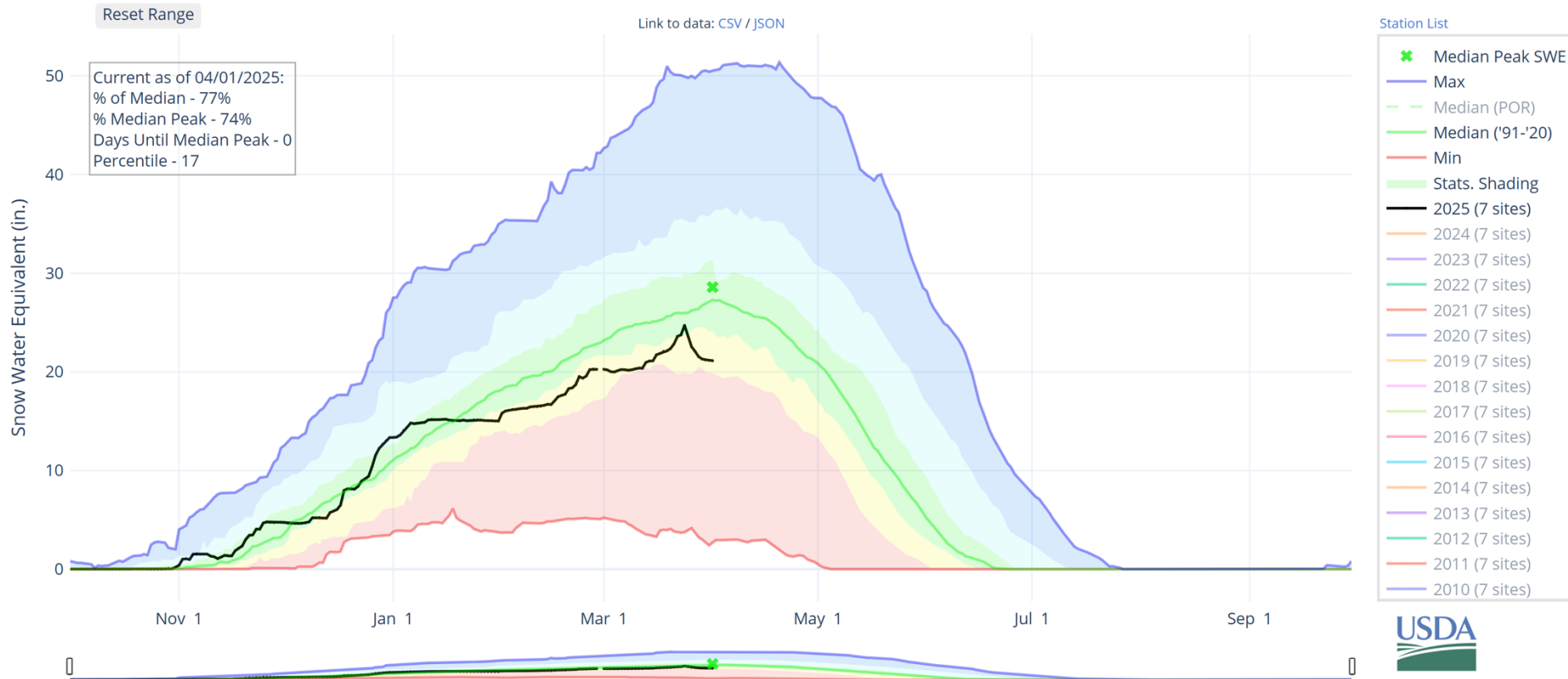
Yakima Basin SNOTEL

SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT IN YAKIMA

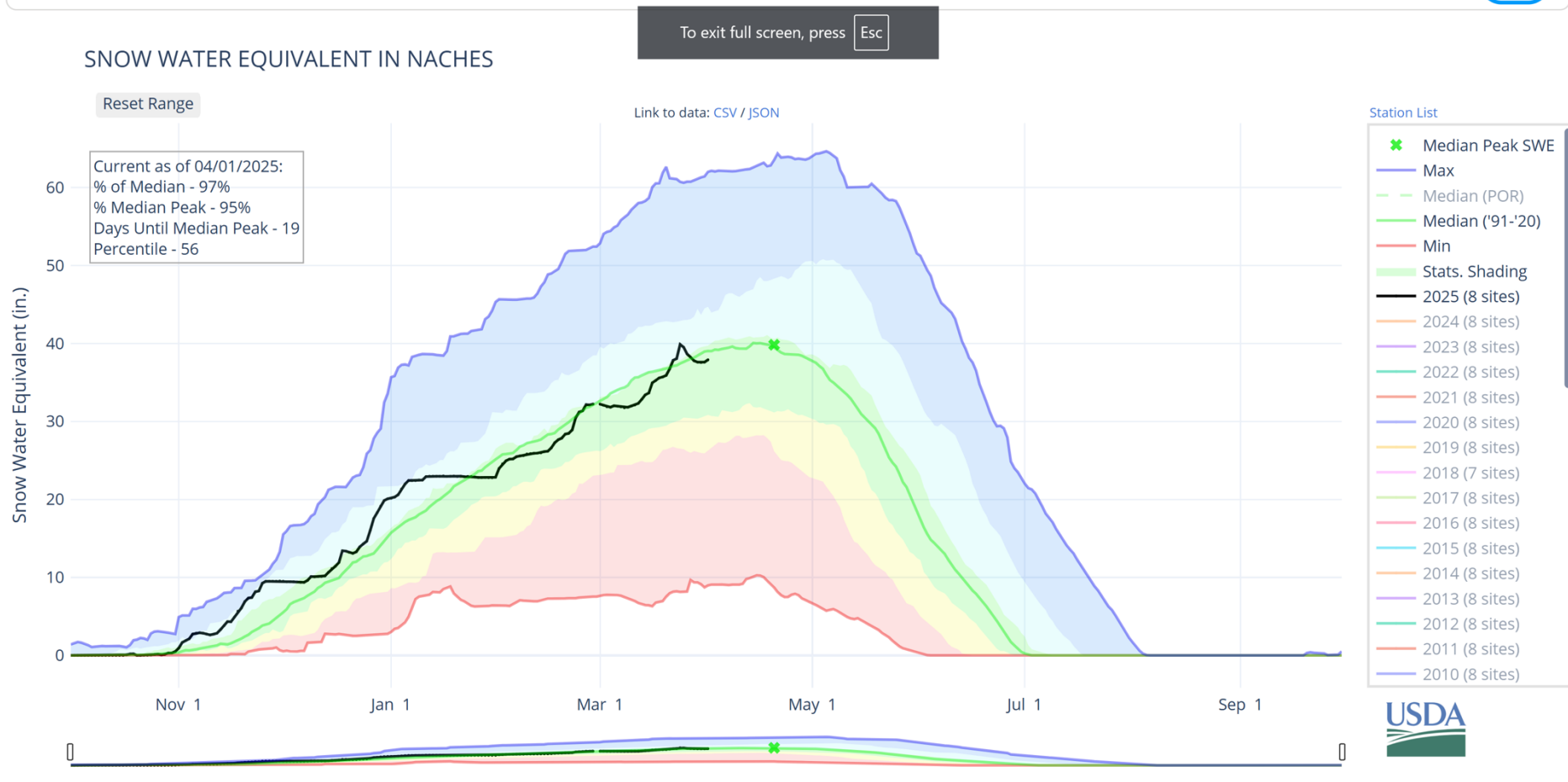


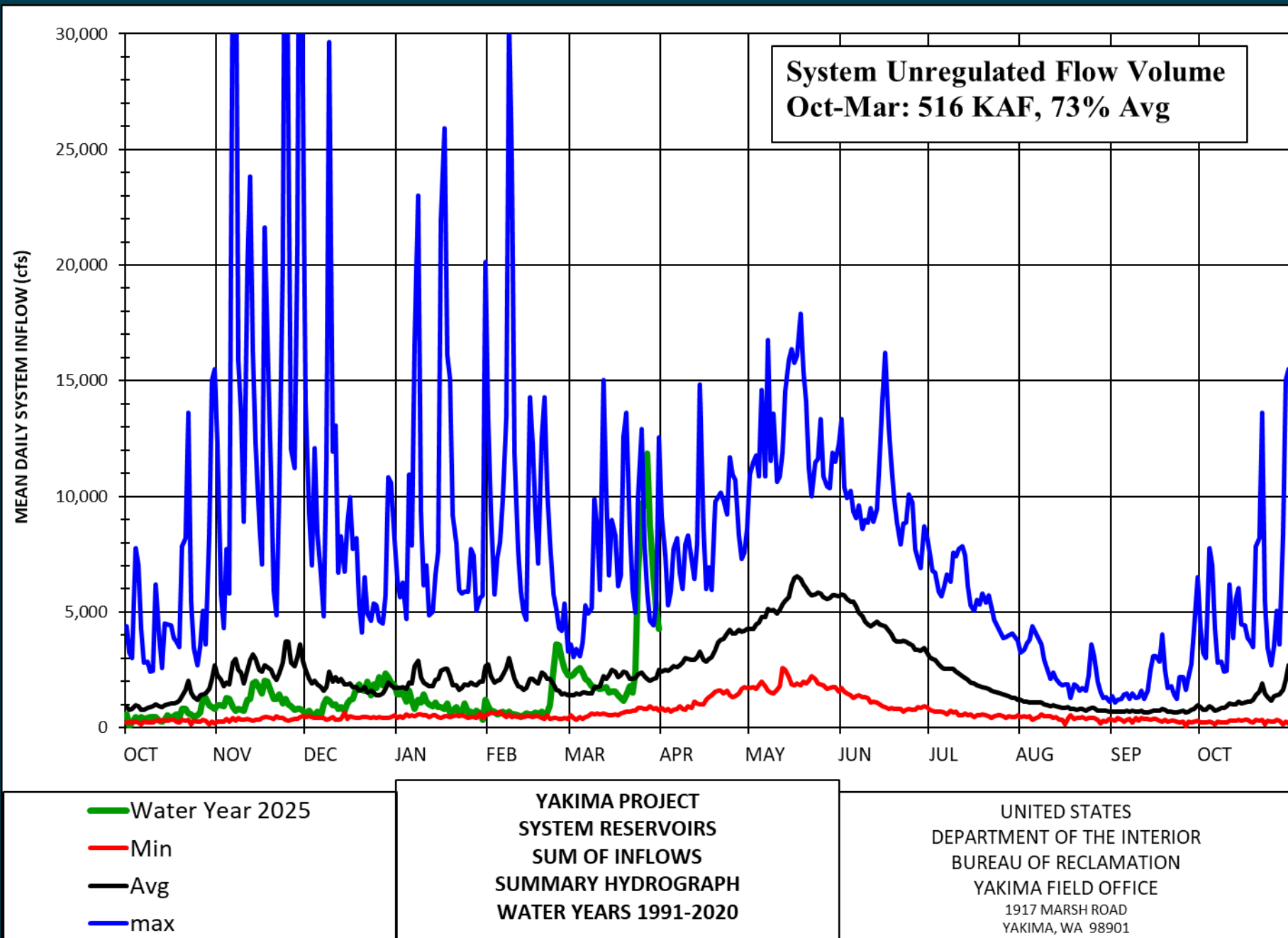
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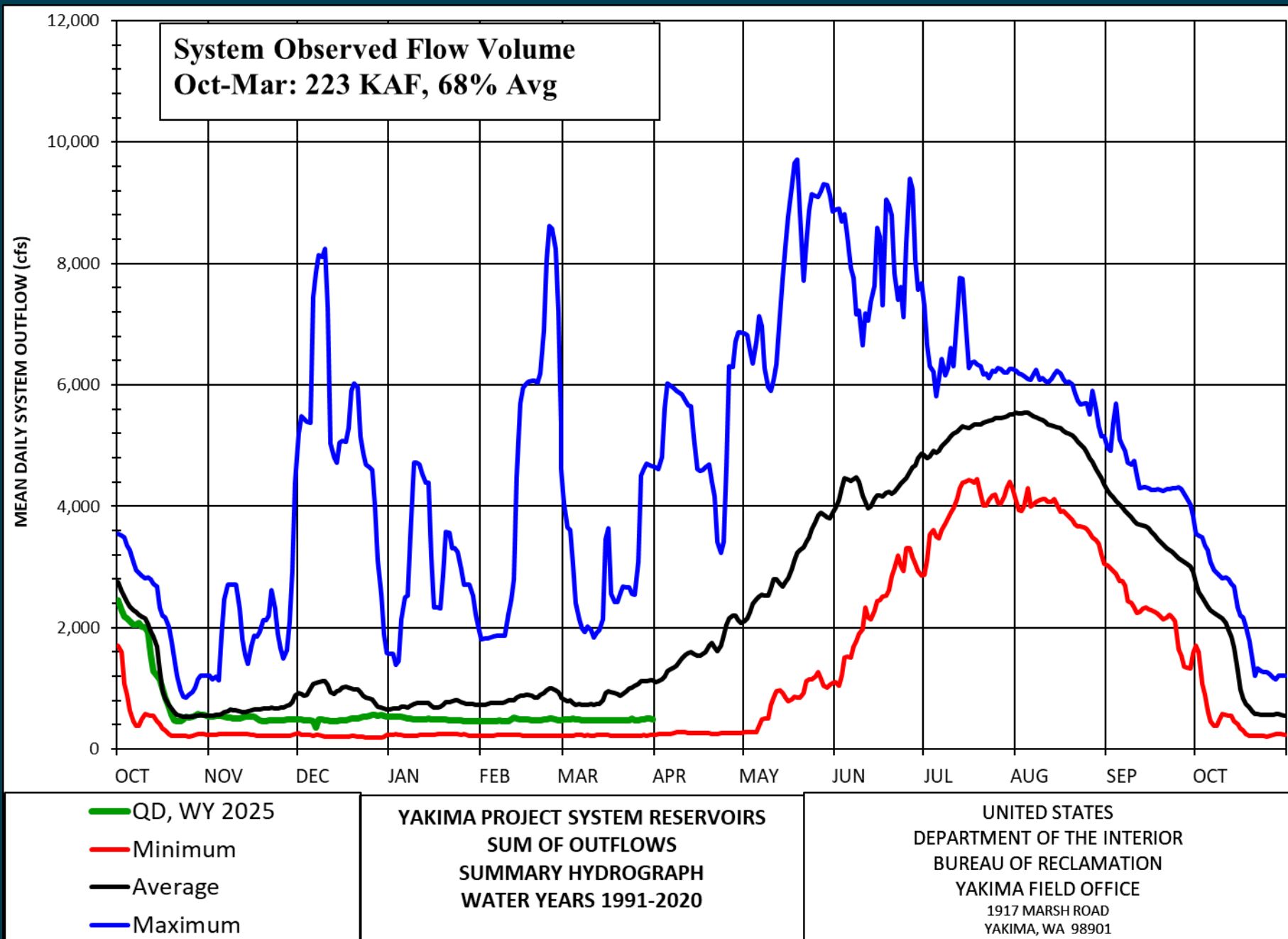
SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT IN UPPER YAKIMA

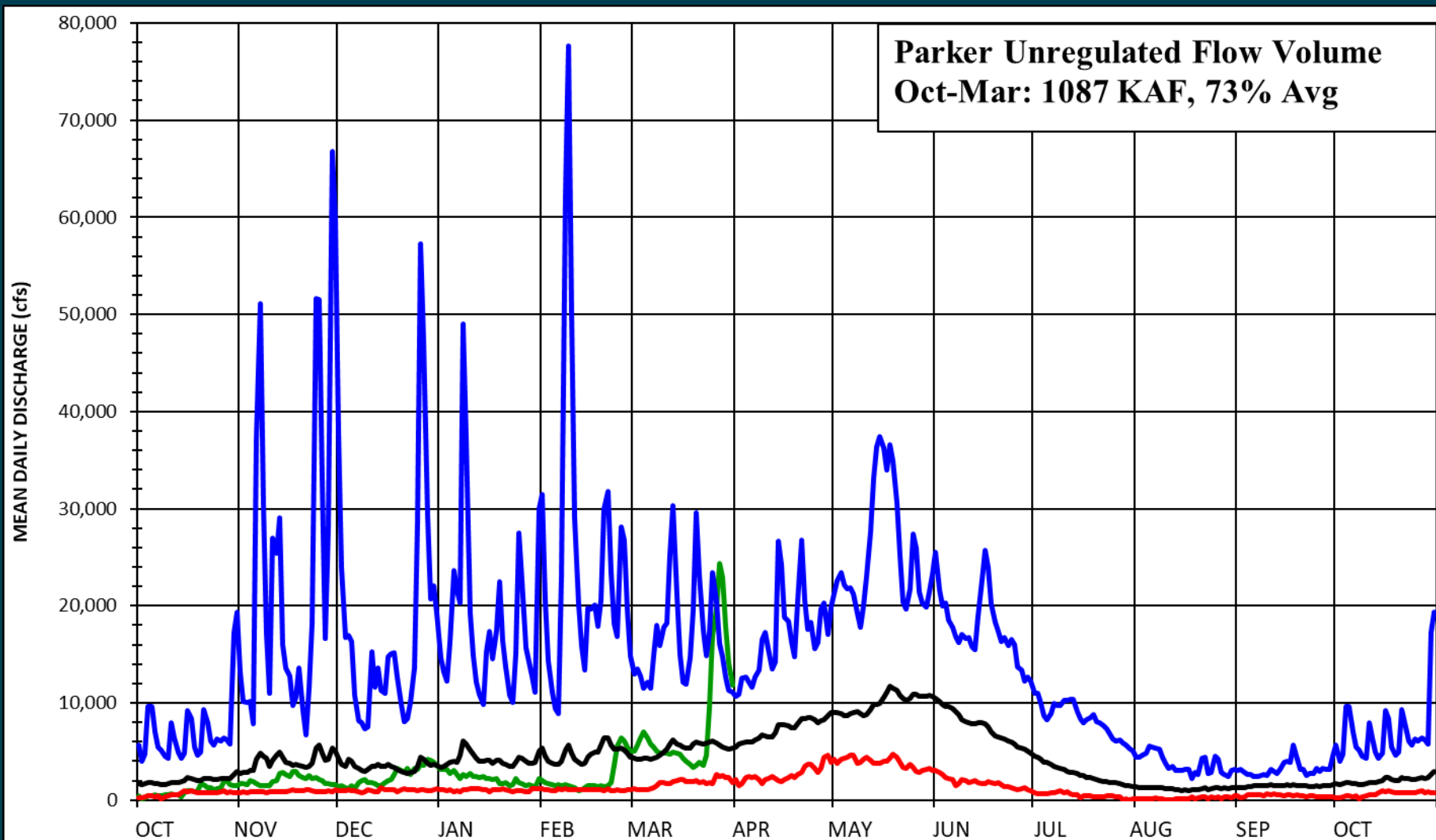


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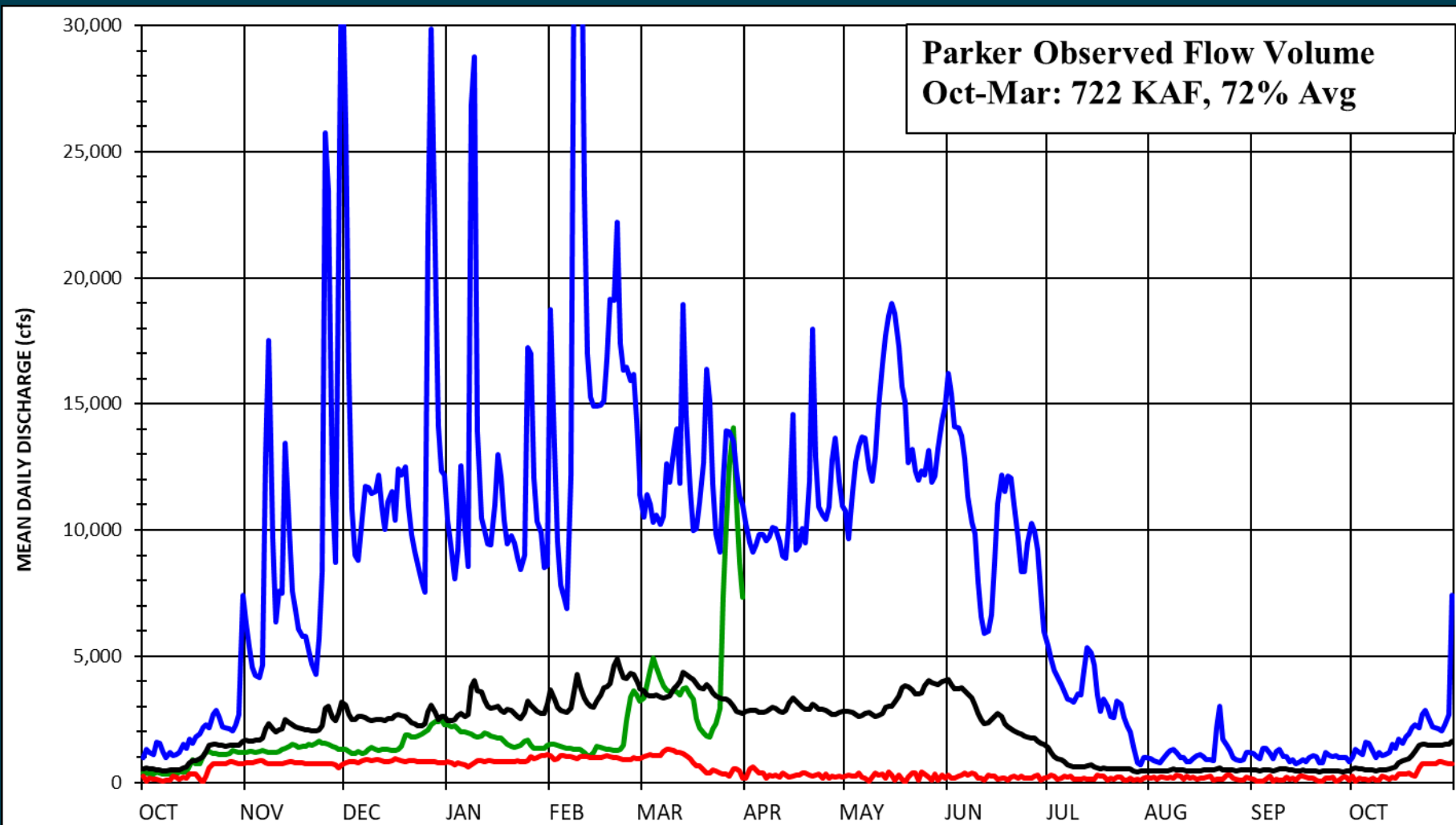




— Water Year 2025
— Minimum
— Average
— Maximum

YAKIMA RIVER NEAR PARKER
MEAN DAILY UNREGULATED DISCHARGE
SUMMARY HYDROGRAPH
WATER YEARS 1991-2020

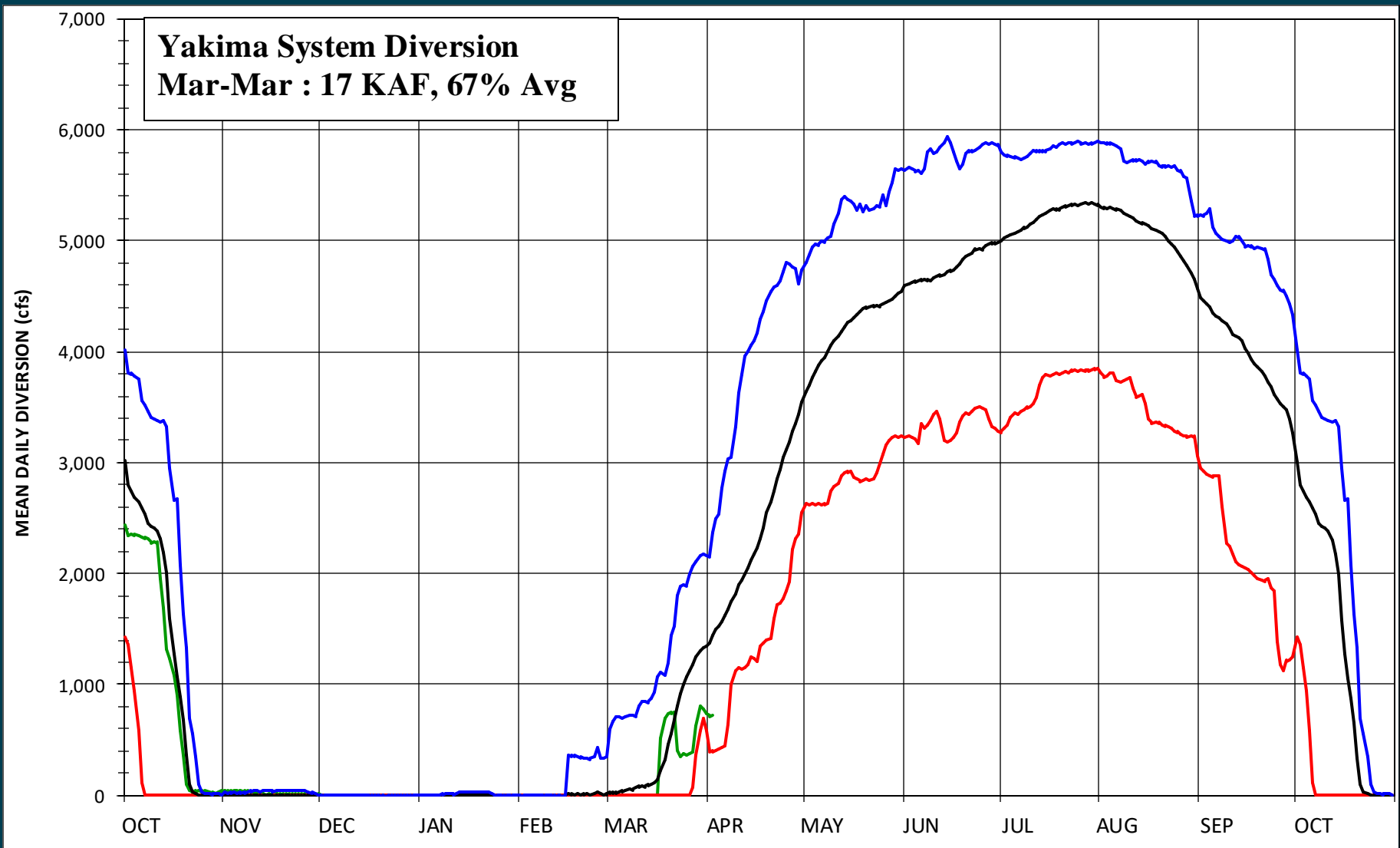
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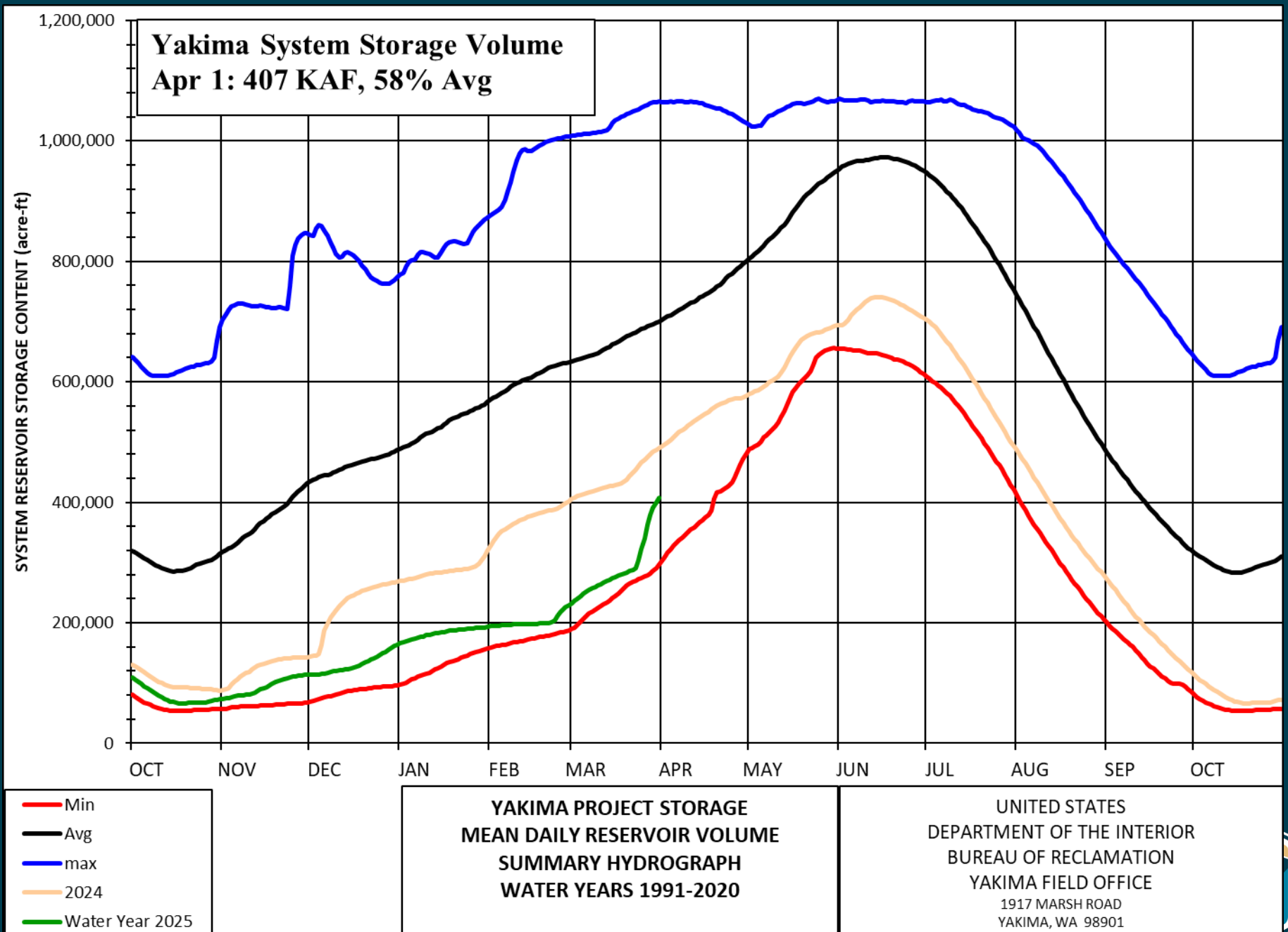
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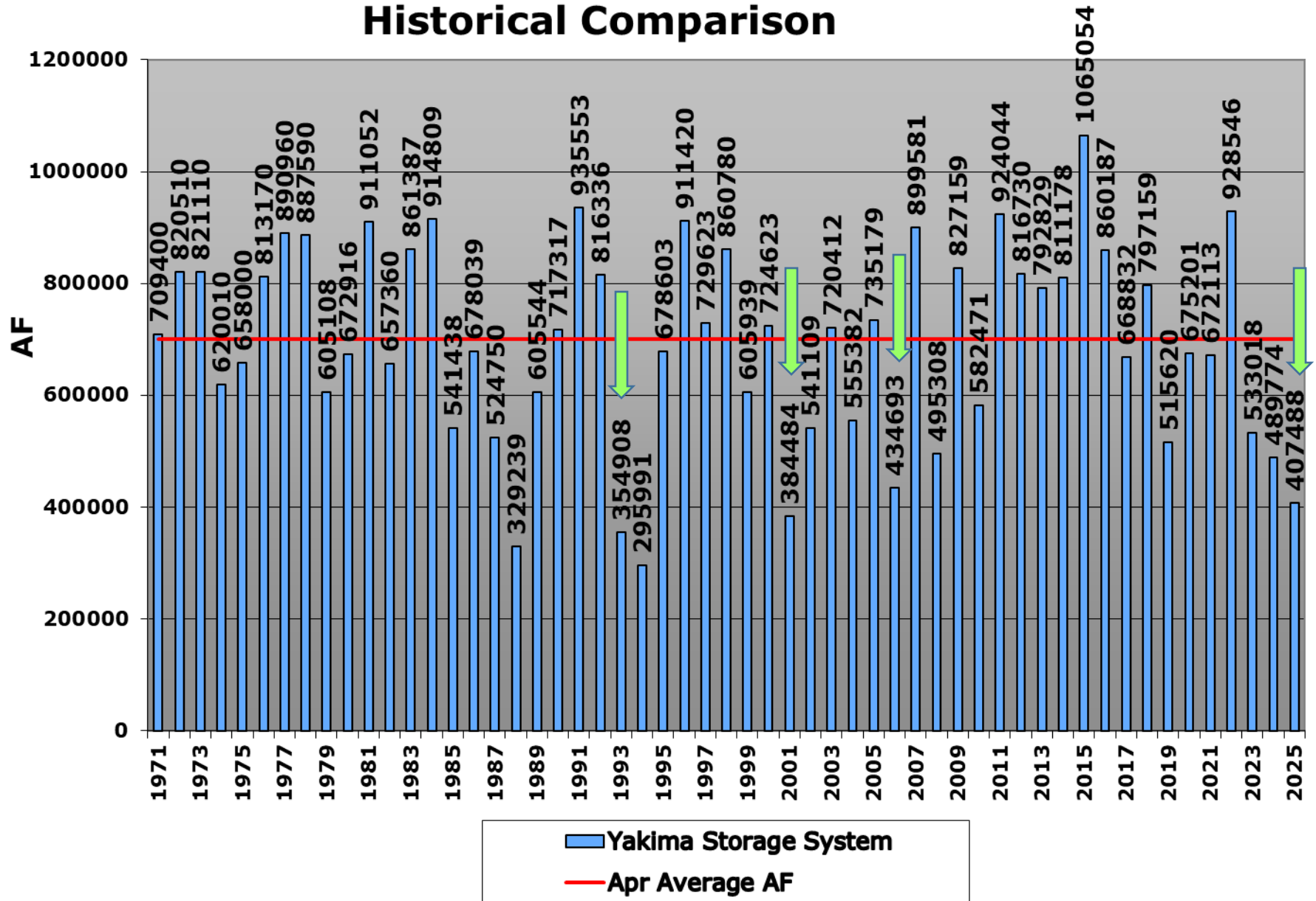
— Water Year 2025 — Minimum
— Average — Maximum

5 MAJOR IRRIGATION DIVERSIONS
YAKIMA R. ABOVE PARKER
SUMMARY HYDROGRAPH
WATER YEARS 1991-2020

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 1917 MARSH ROAD
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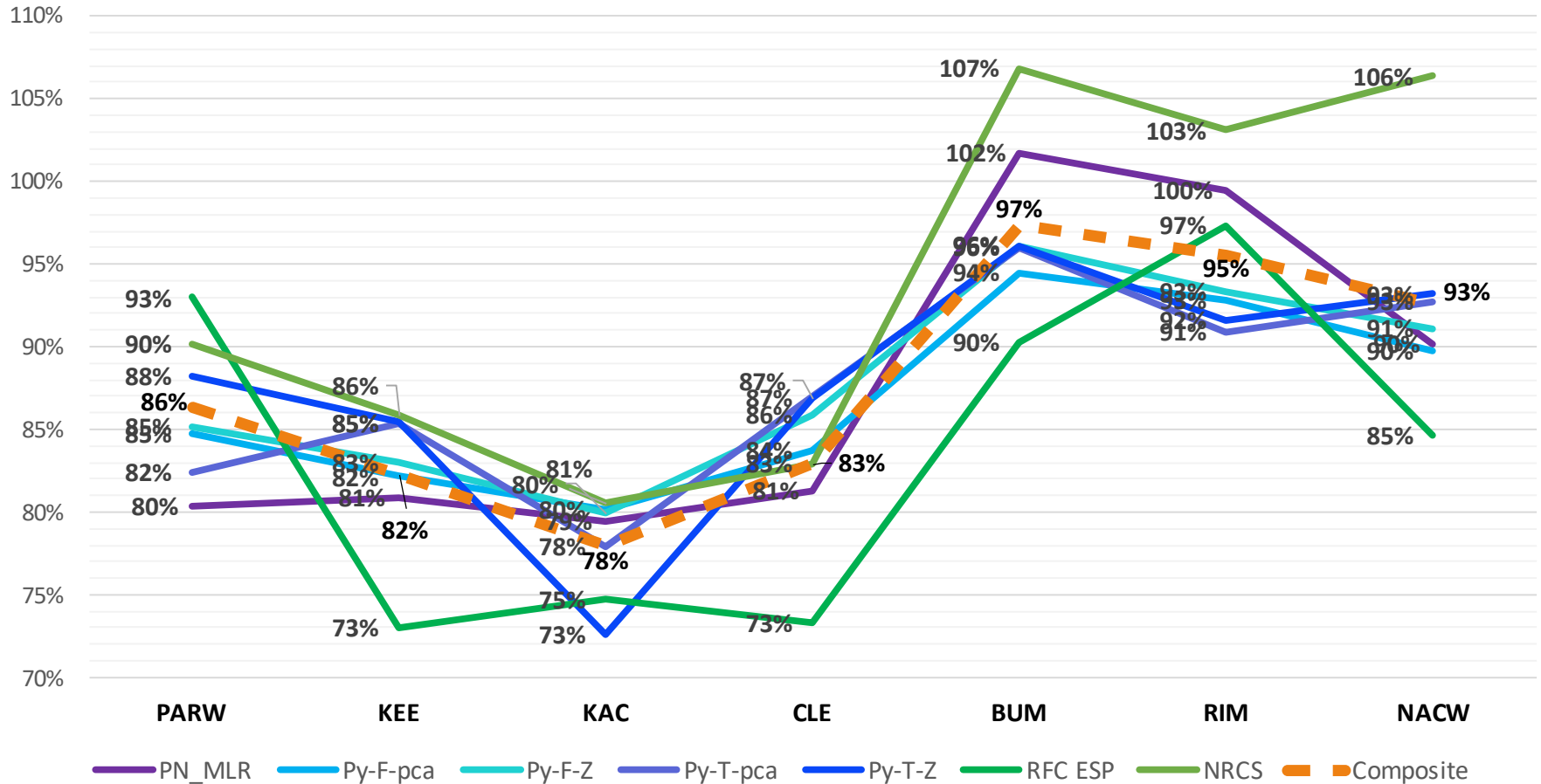


Yakima Basin Storage, Historical Comparison



Yakima Subbasin forecasts, WY25

April Subbasin Forecasts, % Average



Yakima Subbasin forecasts, WY25

Yakima Basin Forecast Apr-Jul 2025 (KAF) (% of 30-year Ave)

4/1/2025	Low	Composite	High	Low	Composite	High
PARW	1,192	1,474	1,888	70%	86%	111%
KEE	77	98	128	65%	82%	108%
KAC	66	81	104	63%	78%	100%
CLE	249	320	394	65%	83%	102%
BUM	96	112	142	84%	97%	123%
RIM	153	182	218	80%	95%	115%
NACW	579	683	848	79%	93%	115%



April 1, 2025 TWSA ESTIMATE

April 1 - September 30

Parameter*	+/-/=	Low	Adopted	High
Apr 1-Sep 30 Natural Flow at Parker est.	+	1250	1567	2041
Return Flow Estimate, est	+	285	310	350
April 1, Reservoir Content, est	+	407	407	407
TWSA	=	1942	2284	2798
SEP 30 EST RESERVOIR CONTENT	-	76	76	76
FLOW OVER SUNNYSIDE DAM	-	310	415	680
TWSA FOR IRRIGATION	=	1557	1794	2042
NONPRORATABLE ENTITLEMENT	-	1070	1070	1070
YRPW-KID release		11	8	0
REMAINING TWSA	=	476	716	972
PRORATABLE ENTITLEMENT		1239	1239	1239
% RATIO= REMAINING TWSA/PRORATABLE ENTITLEMENT		38%	58%	78%
TITLE XII FLOW TARGET, cfs	April	300	300	400
Added flow available, cfs ***		122	128	145
Non-storeable Portion of added flow, cfs		11	11	11
Storable portion of added flow, cfs		111	117	134
BA May Pulse Flow Volume		Low-BA	Low-BA	Mid-BA

*Values are in 1,000 ac-ft unless otherwise specified.

*** State & YRBWEP Trust, Acquisition, & Conservation additions to Title XII flow range from 122 to 145 cfs.



April 1, 2025 TWSA Comparison

April 1 - September 30

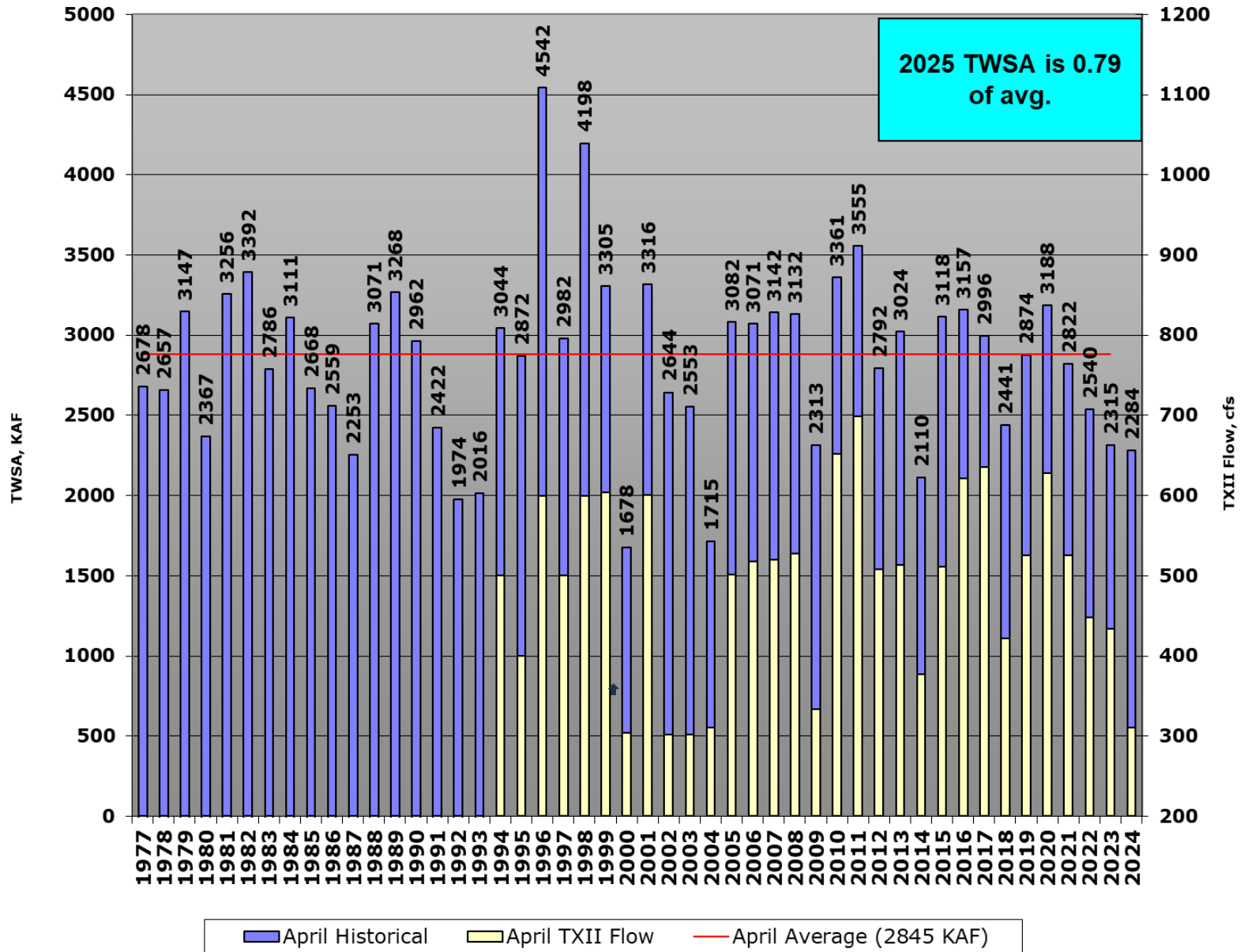
Parameter	"+/-/="	Mar's 2025	Apr's 2025	Apr's 2024
Apr 1-Sep 30 Natural Flow at Parker est.	+	1450	1567	1502
Return Flow Estimate	+	270	310	320
April 1, Reservoir Content	+	304	407	493
TWSA	=	2025	2284	2315
SEP 30 EST RESERVOIR CONTENT*	-	76	76	76
FLOW OVER SUNNYSIDE DAM	-	283	415	390
TWSA FOR IRRIGATION	=	1666	1794	1849
NONPRORATABLE ENTITLEMENT	-	1070	1070	1070
REMAINING TWSA	=	596	716	779
PRORATABLE ENTITLEMENT		1239	1239	1239
% RATIO= REMAINING TWSA/PRORATABLE ENTITLEMENT		48%	58%	63%
TITLE XII FLOW REQUIREMENTS, cfs	April	300	300	300
TOTAL FLOW AVAILABLE AT PARKER, cfs ***		425	428	434

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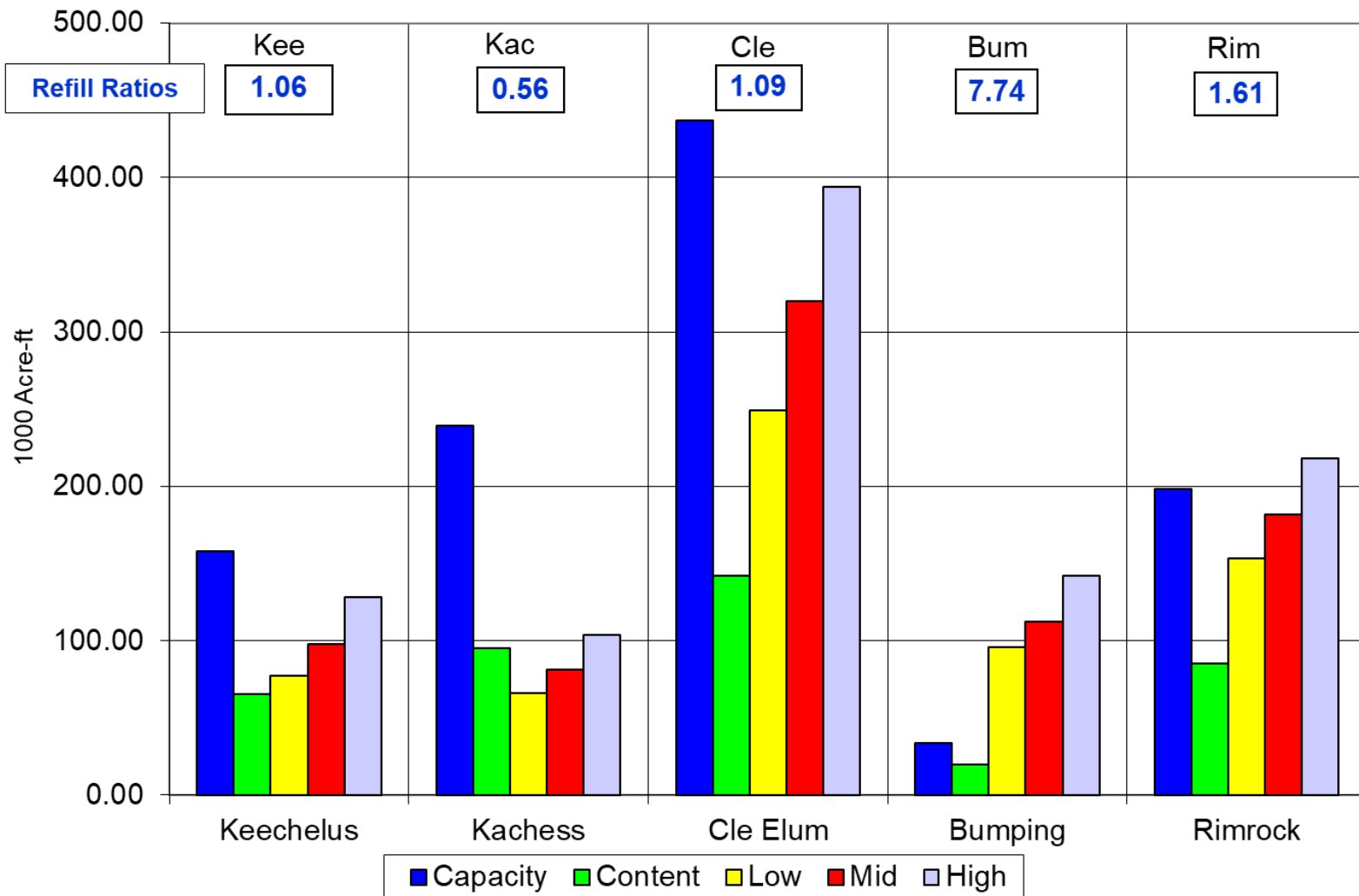


Yakima Basin Historical TWSA's



April 2025

Yakima Project Runoff Forecast to Reservoir Space Available



Yakima Basin Flows

Minimum Flow Targets, WY2025

<u>Location</u>	<u>Target Flow (cfs)</u>
Keechelus (KEE)	80
Kachess	10 (normally 30)
Easton (EASW)	190
Cle Elum (CLE)	180
Tieton River (TICW)	75
Rimrock	50
Bumping (BUM)	130 (range: inflow to 130+)

YRPW subordination is 1000 cfs

RBDW subordination 1300 cfs

(YRPW: 1000 Apr-Jun, TXII+add+35 or 450, 800 Oct-Nov, 600 Dec-Mar)

(RBDW: 1300 Apr-May, 500 Jun-Oct, 500 Oct-Mar,)

Yakima Basin Outmigration Flows (BA Pulse Flows)

Table 2-14. Minimum volume of water (acre-feet) that will be available in April and May during years when water prorationing levels are equal to or greater than 70% to provide outmigration flows. Outmigration flows are measured at Tieton Dam (RIM), Cle Elum Dam (CLE), and Yakima River at Easton gage (EASW).

	Monthly Min. acre-feet for Outmigration Flows		
April TWSA (MAF)	< 2.36	2.36 - 3.13	> 3.13
May TWSA (MAF)	< 2.20	2.20 – 2.61	> 2.61
RIM	4,500	8,400	14,800
CLE	4,200	9,900	18,800
EASW	3,700	4,800	9,900

Easton (EASW) can be met from unregulated local inflow below Kee and Kac.
RIM/NACW can be met from spill at BUM.

Hydrologic Summary

- Storage is 5th lowest in POR from 1971-2025, 407 KAF, 38% full, 58.2% avg.
- March precip, 131% avg.
- WYTD precip, 83% avg.
- Adopted Runoff forecasts are near 86% avg.
- TWSA is 2.284 MAF, 80% of normal
- Prorationing would be 58%
- Low refill probabilities but likely at BUM.
- BA Pulse Flows are in the Low Range

Streamflow & Groundwater Conditions in Washington State as of 8 April 2025

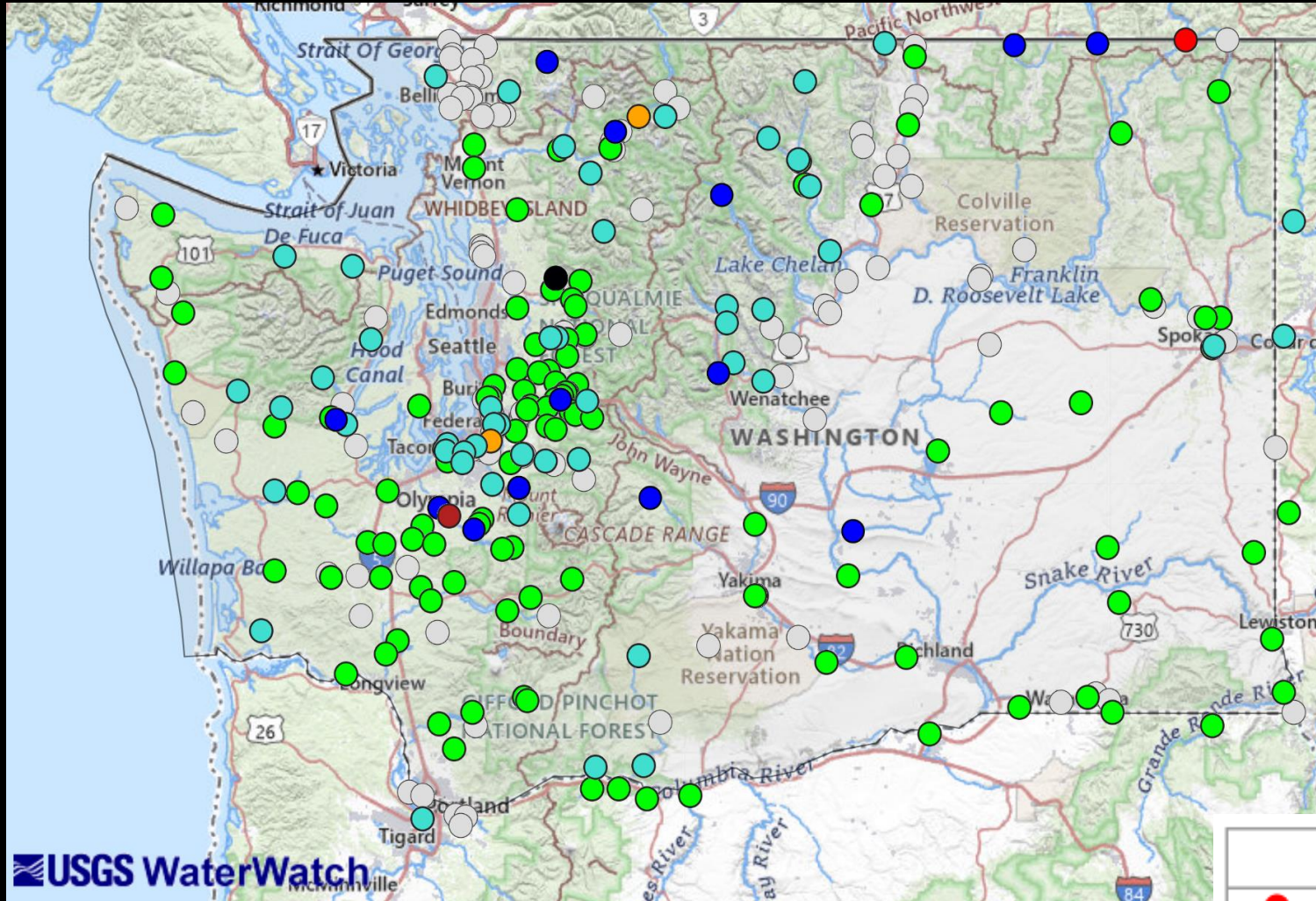


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7-day Average Streamflow









Conditions as of 8 April 2025



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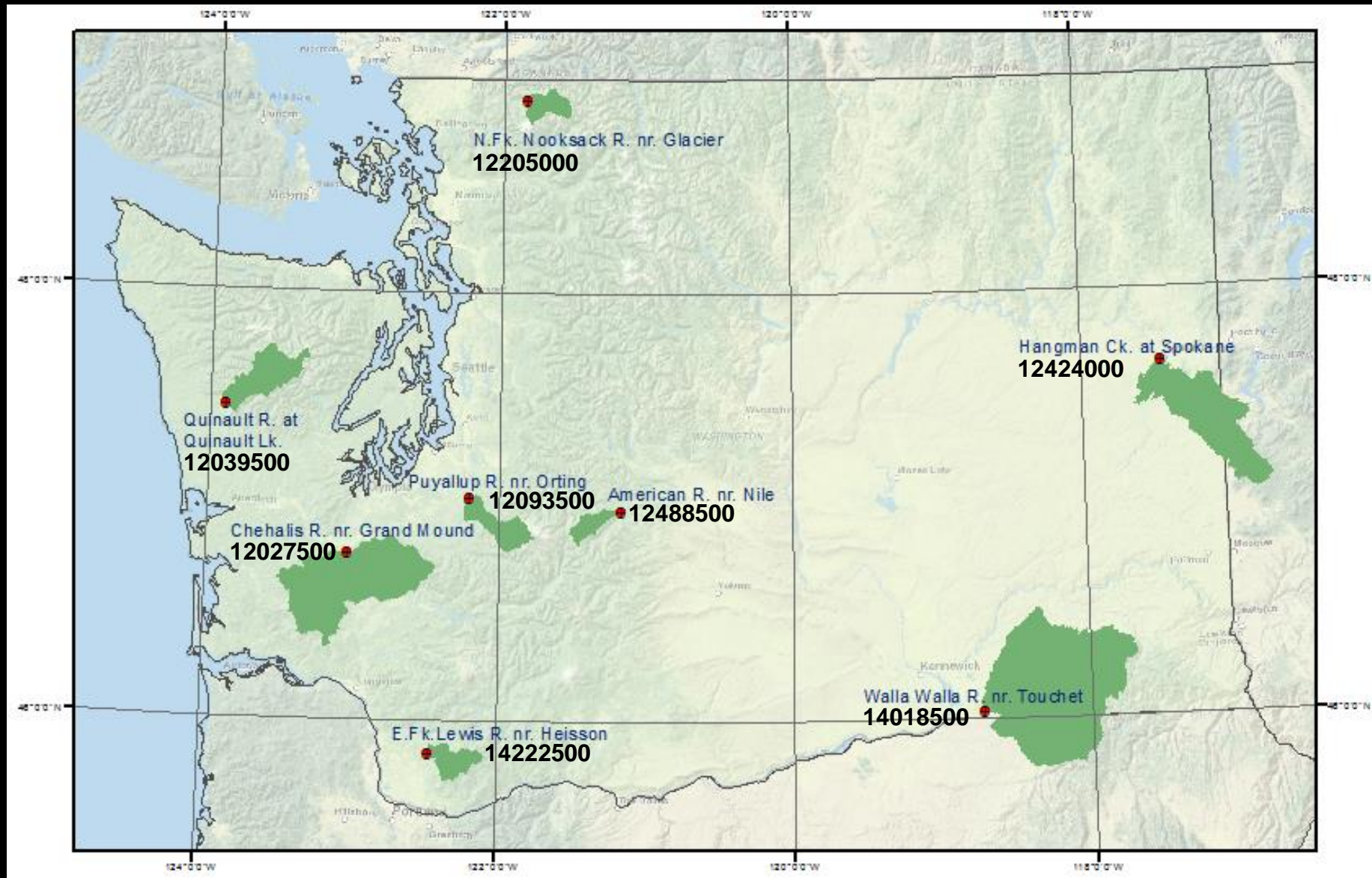
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USGS WaterWatch

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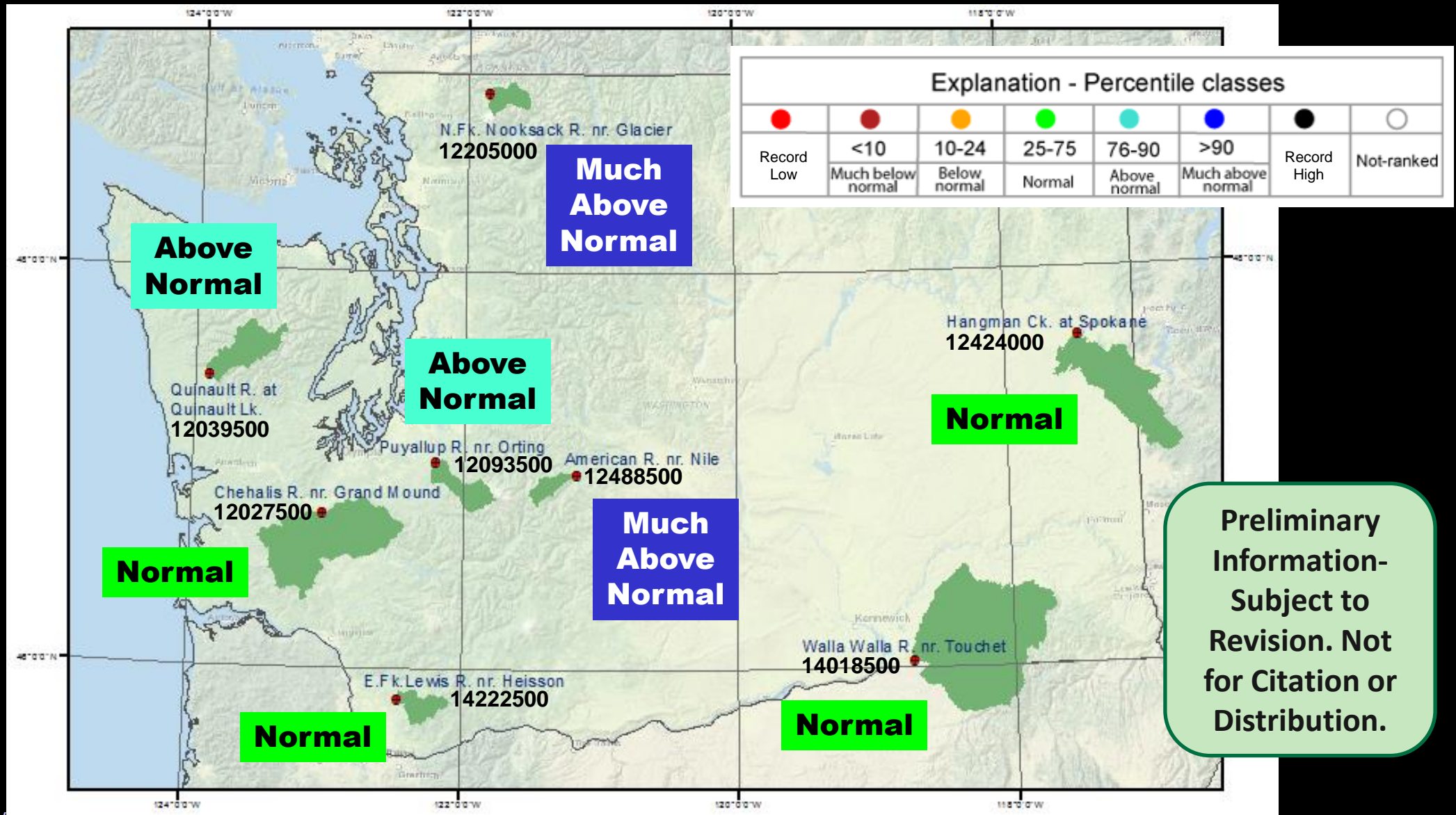
Index Gaging Stations

(Stations that measure natural or near-natural streamflow)



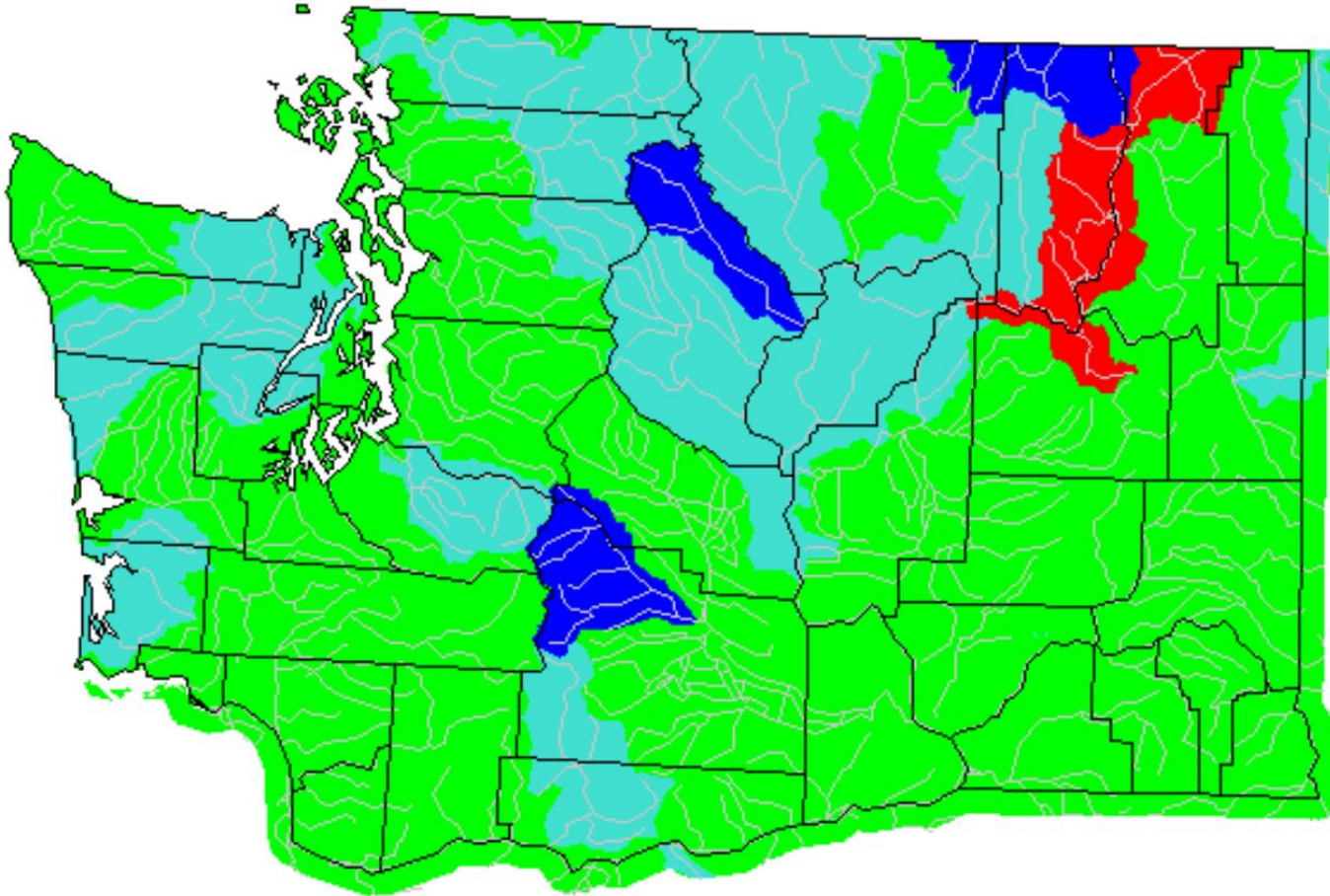
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7-day average streamflow as of 8 April 2025



Average streamflow compared to historical streamflow

7-day average as of 8 April 2025

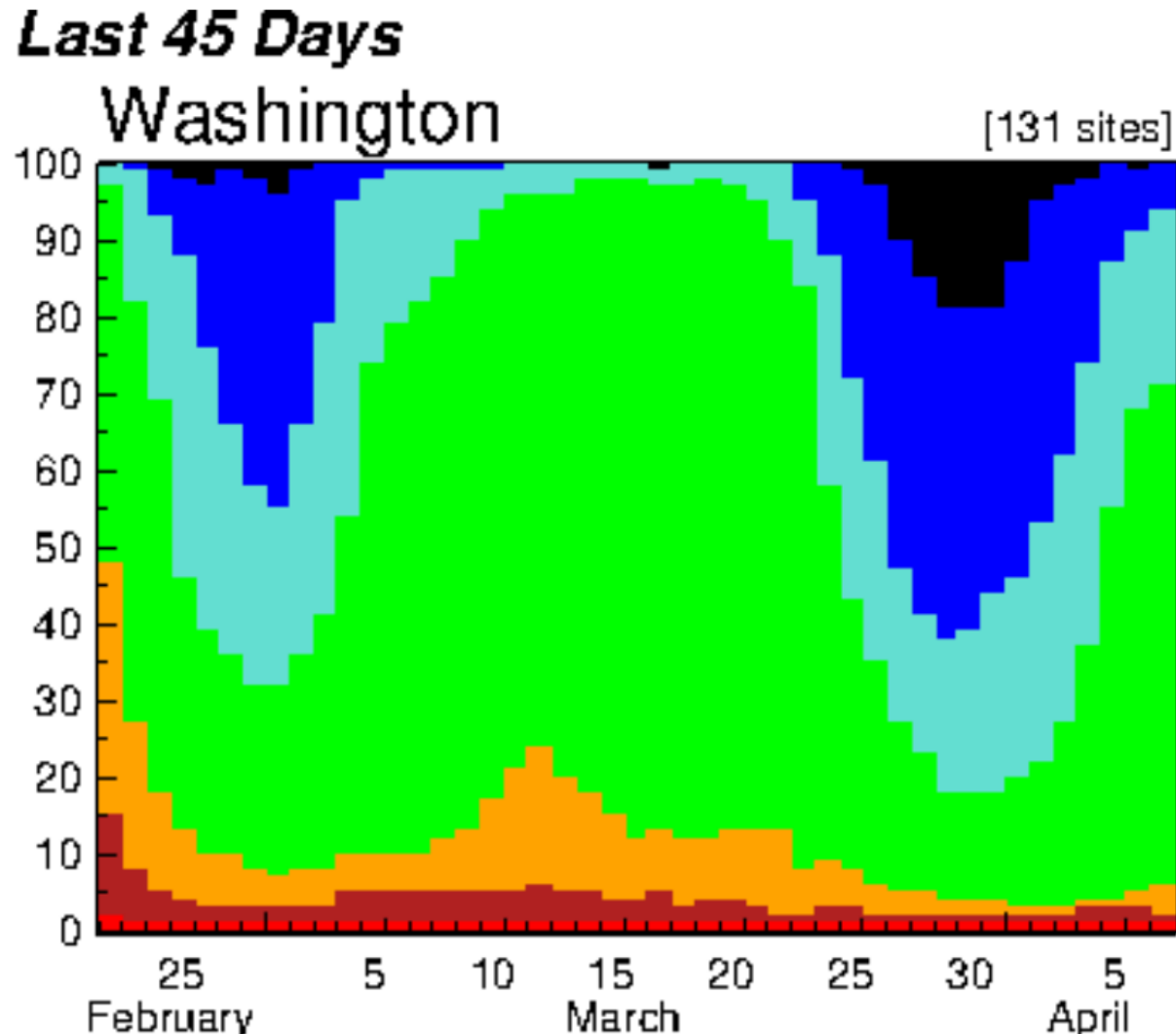


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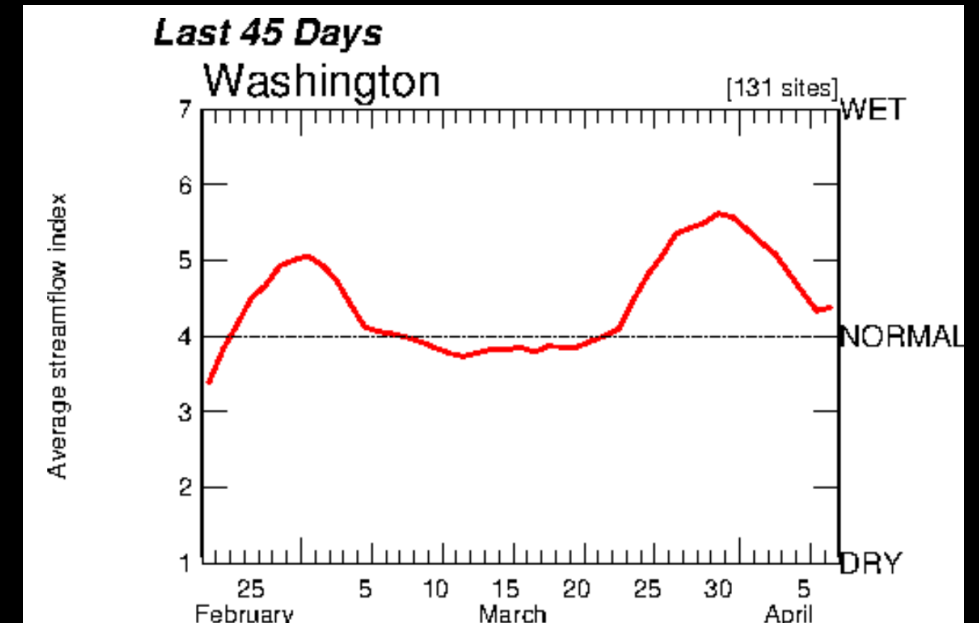
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7-day average streamflow

Most USGS stream gages at **normal** as of 8 April 2025



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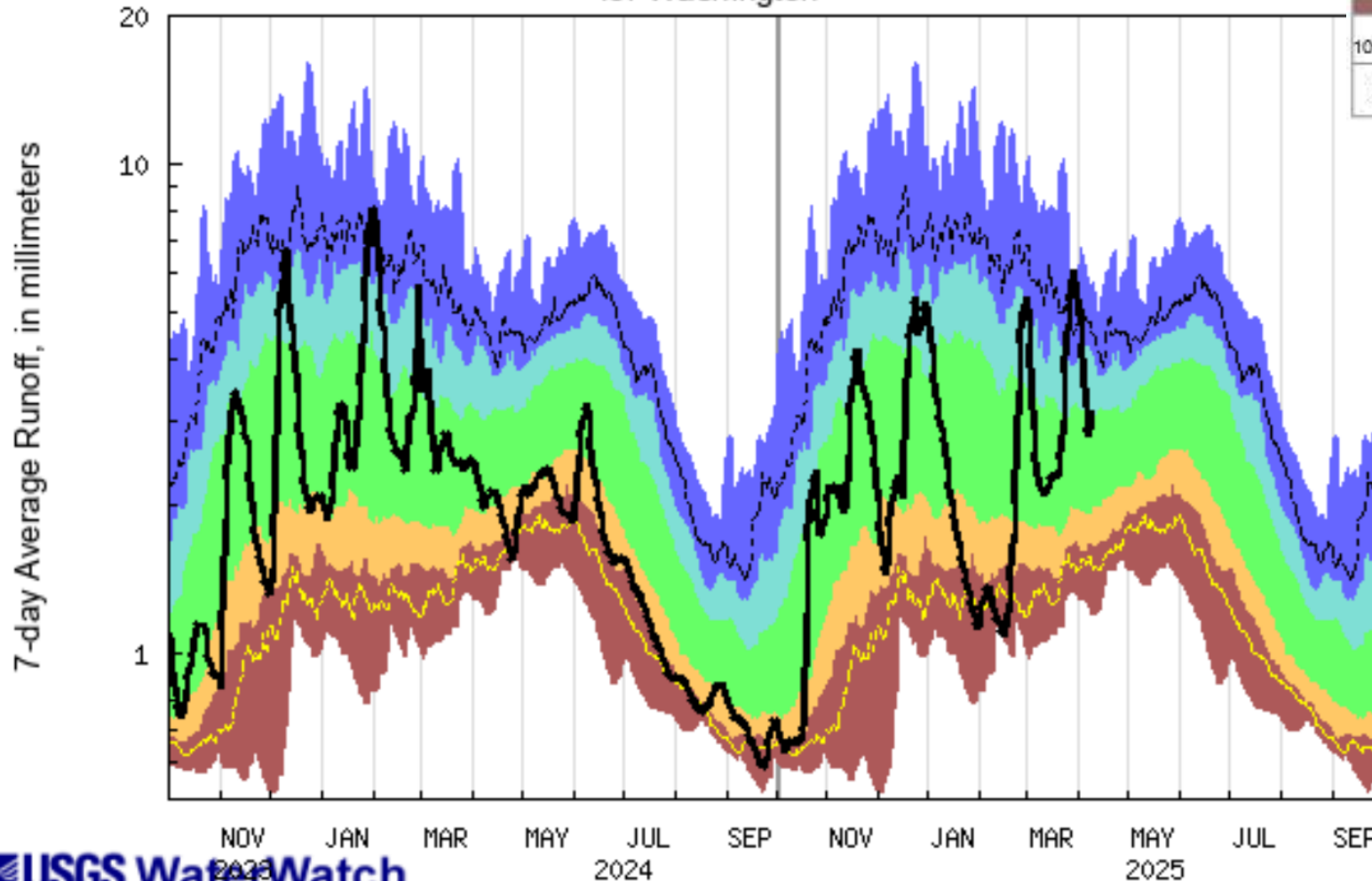
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Area-Based Runoff Duration Hydrograph

7-day average streamflow

Duration hydrograph of 7-day average runoff
for Washington



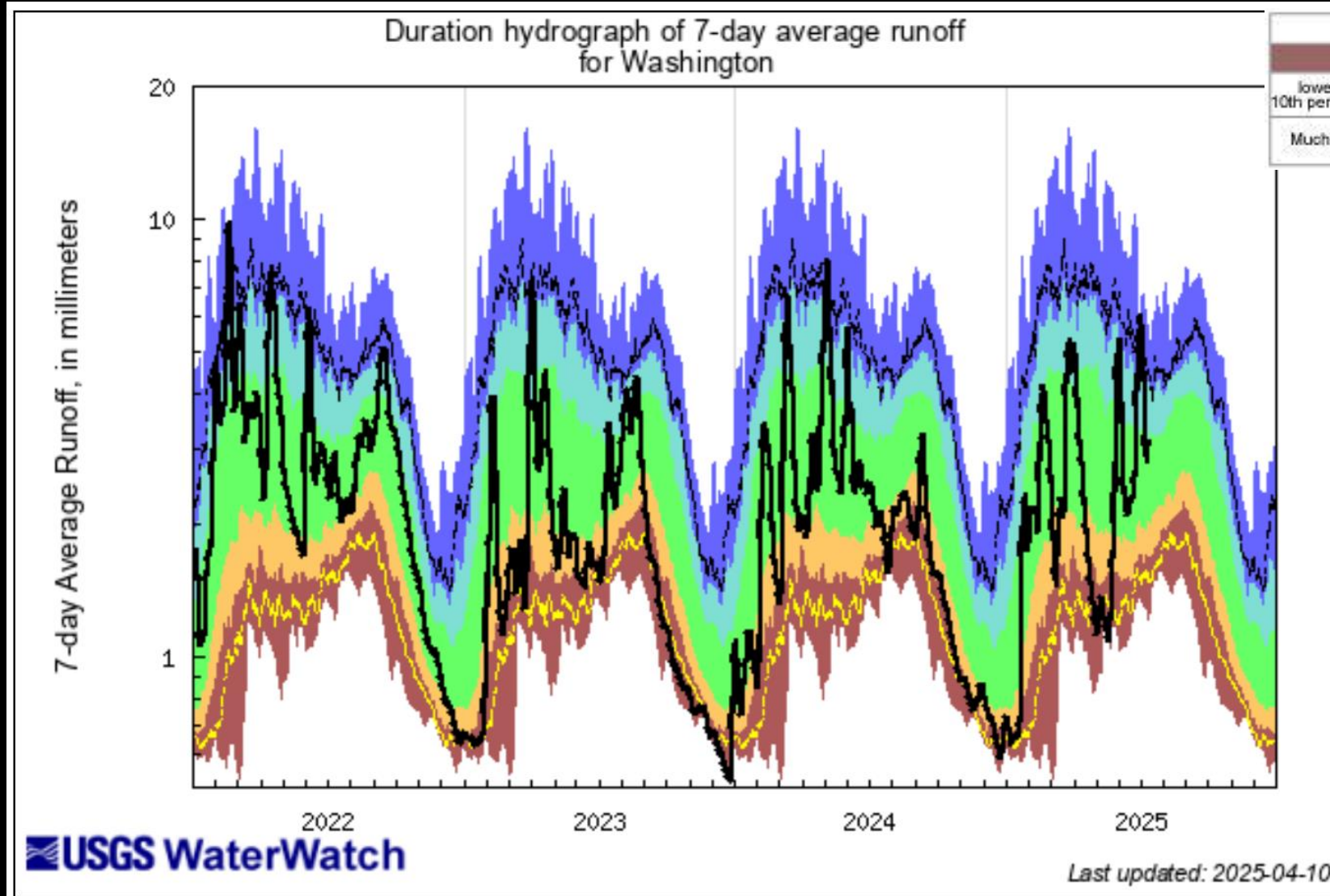
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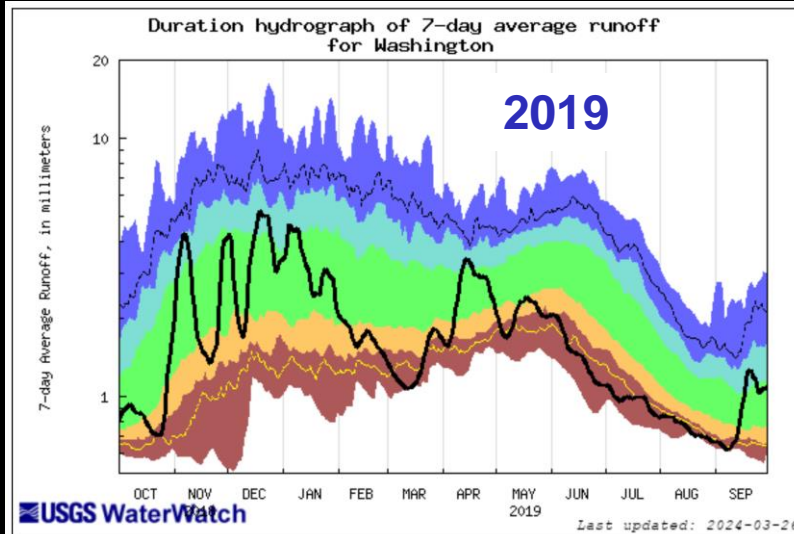
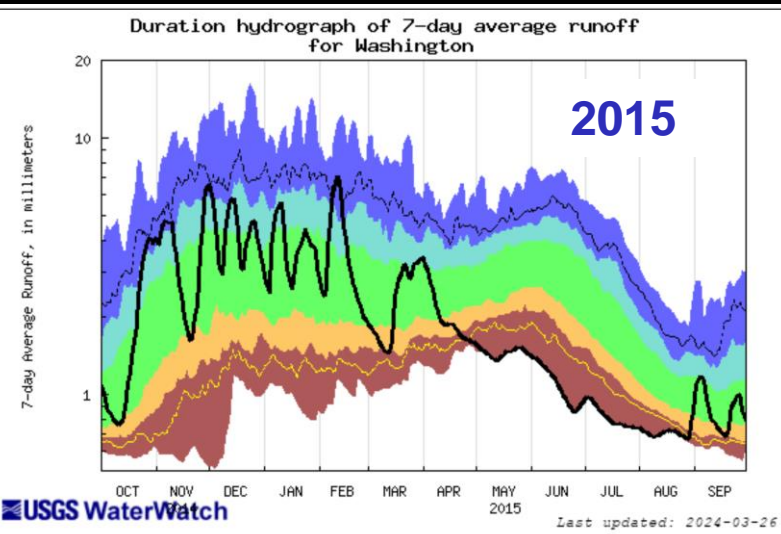
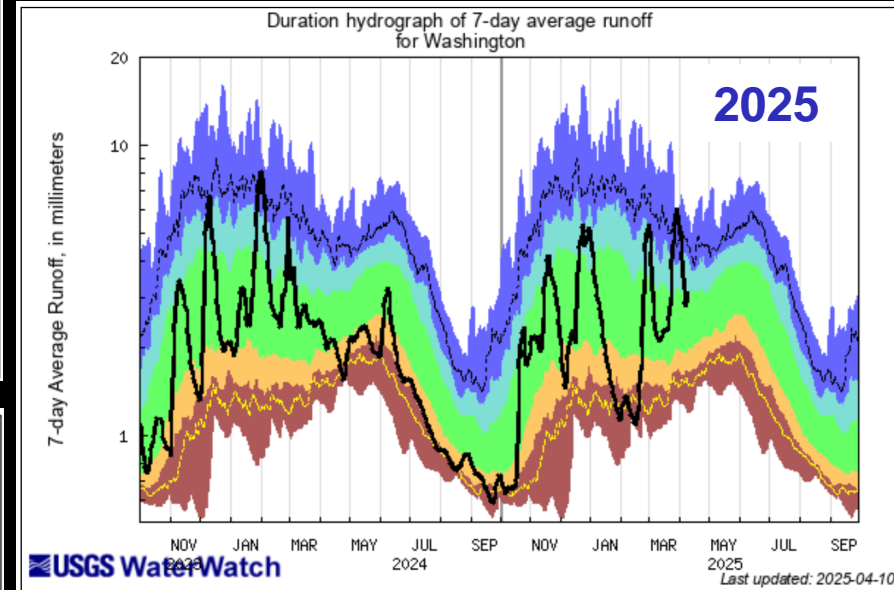
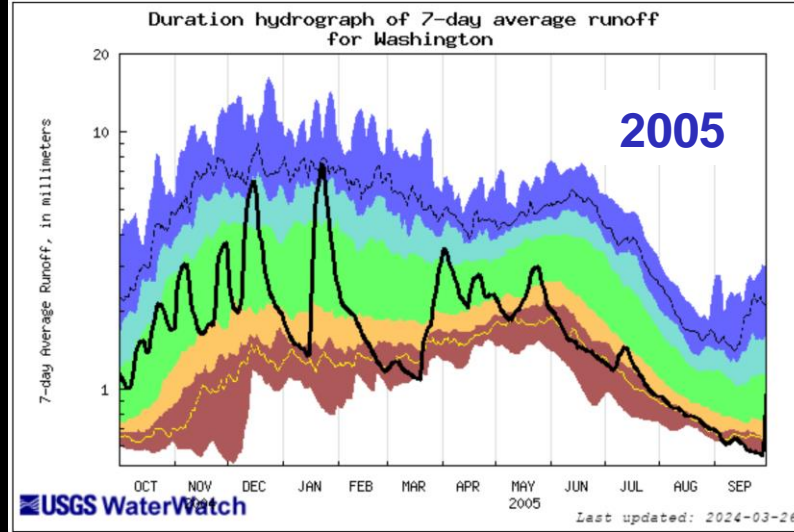
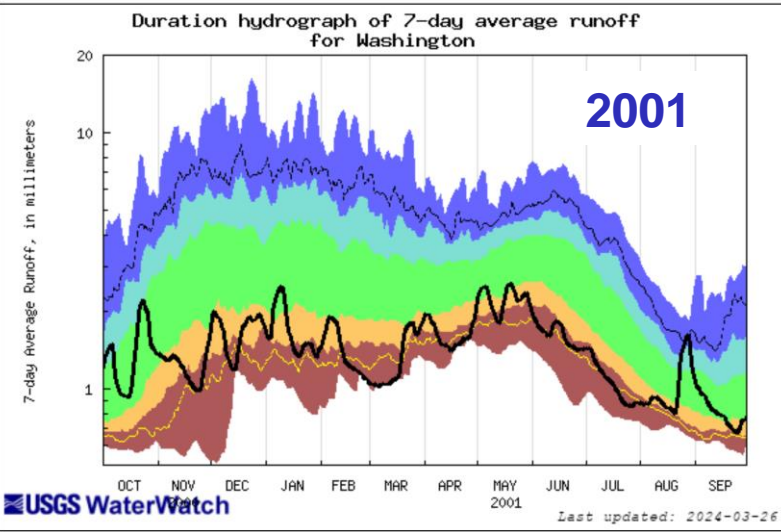
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Duration hydrograph for the year compared to recent years of drought



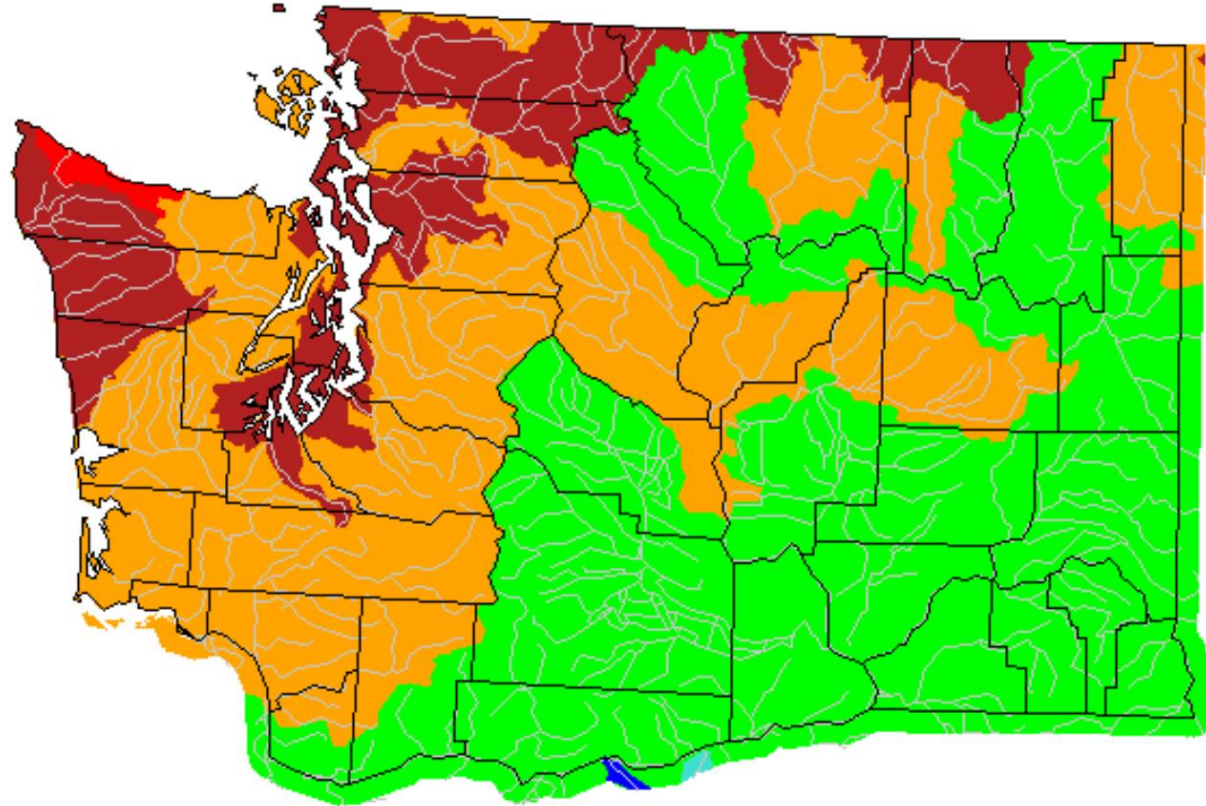
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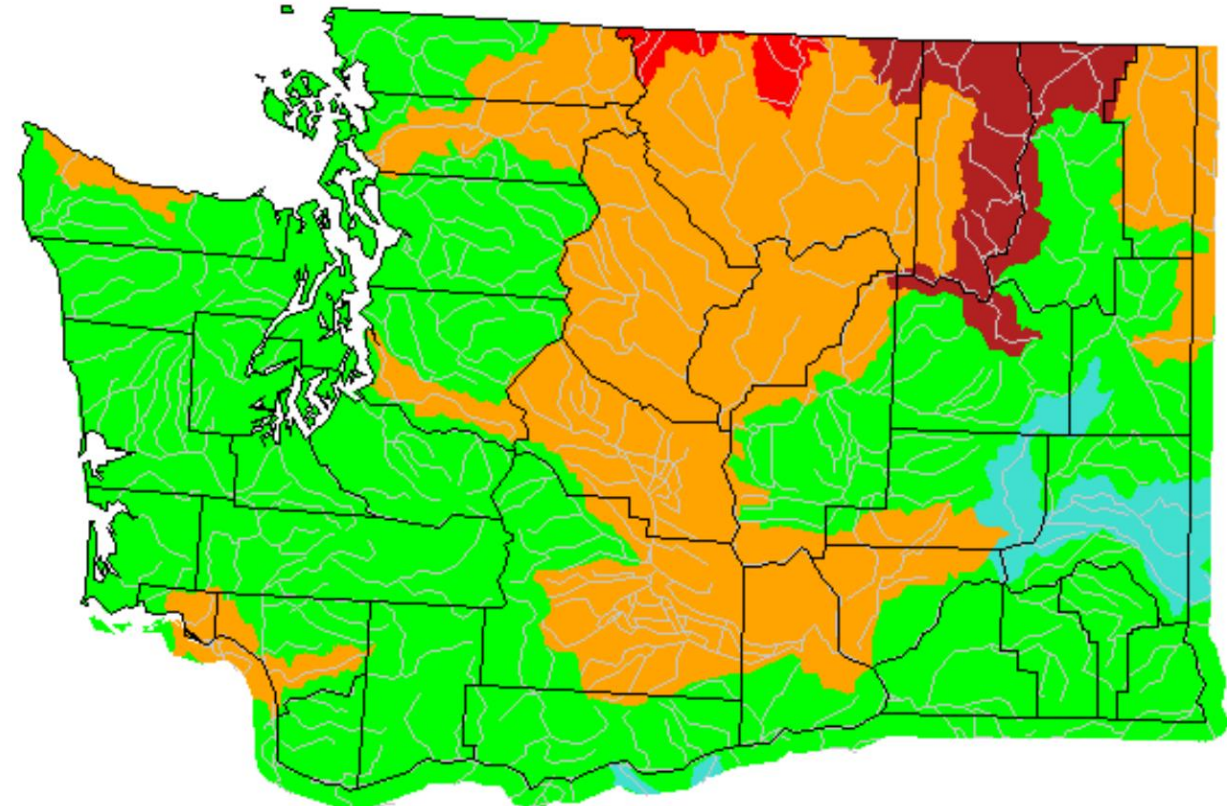
Monthly average streamflow compared to historical streamflow

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January 2025



February 2025

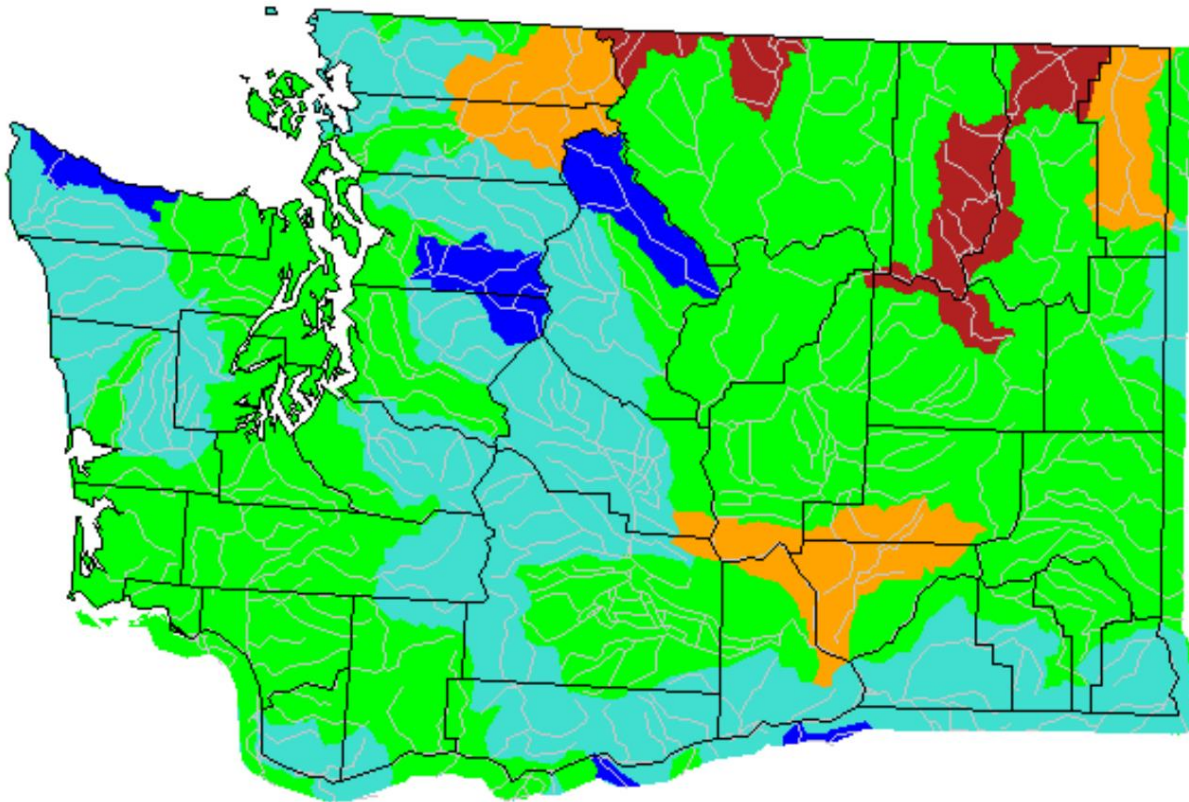


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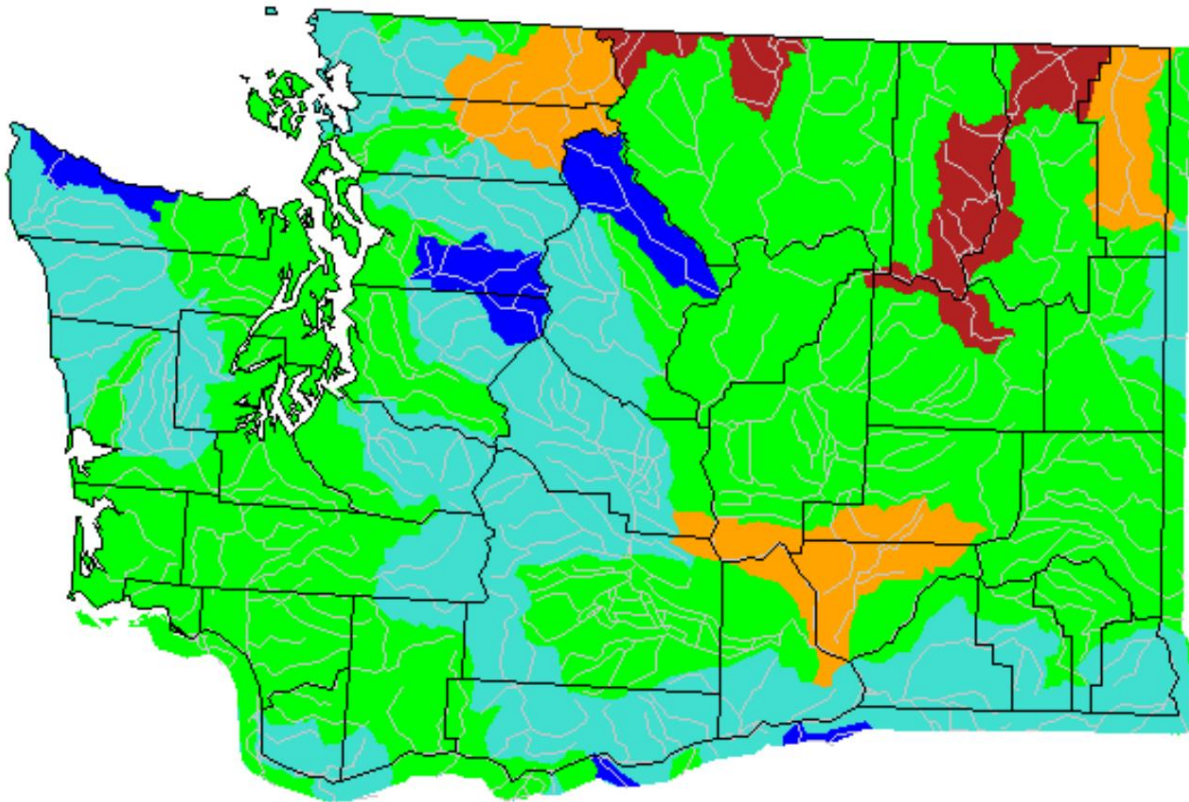


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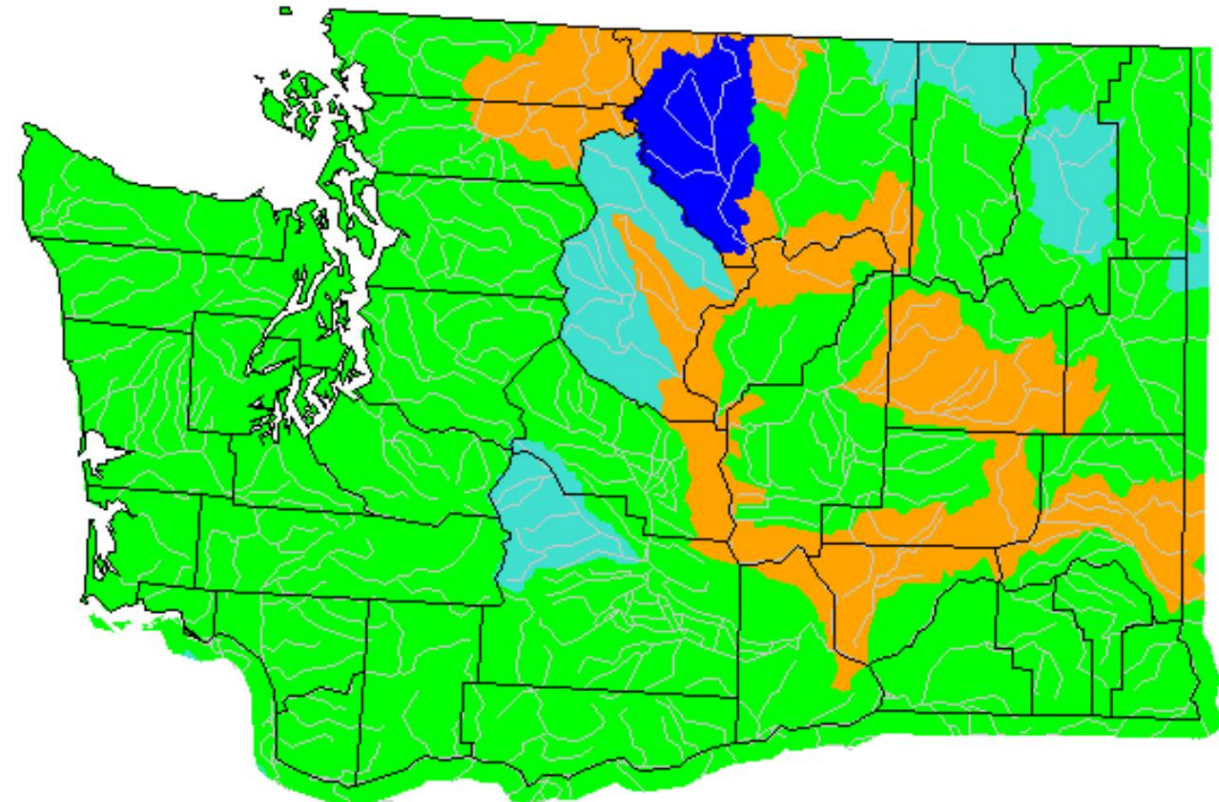
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March 2025



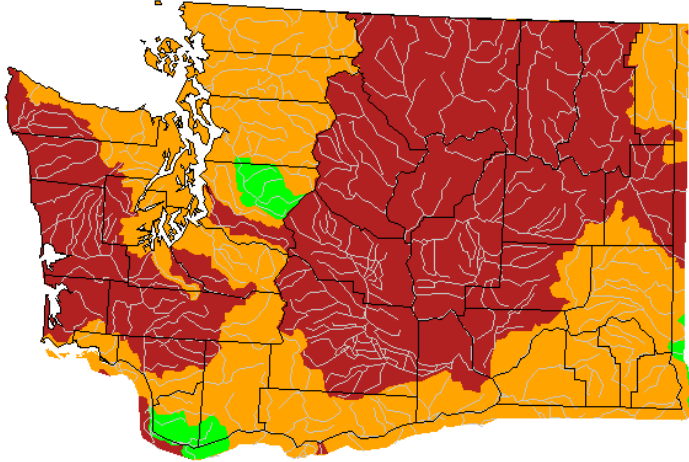
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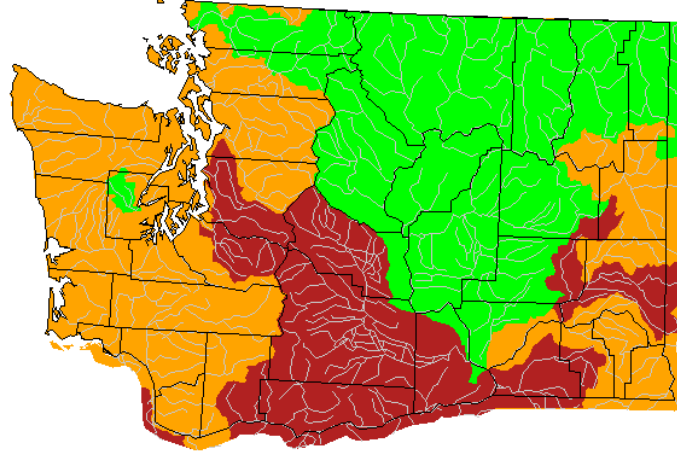
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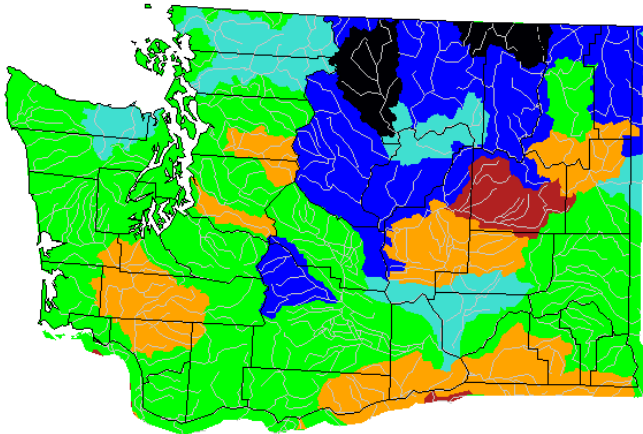
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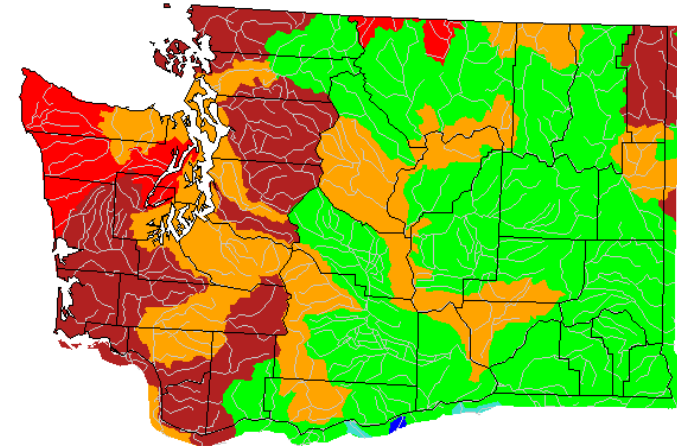
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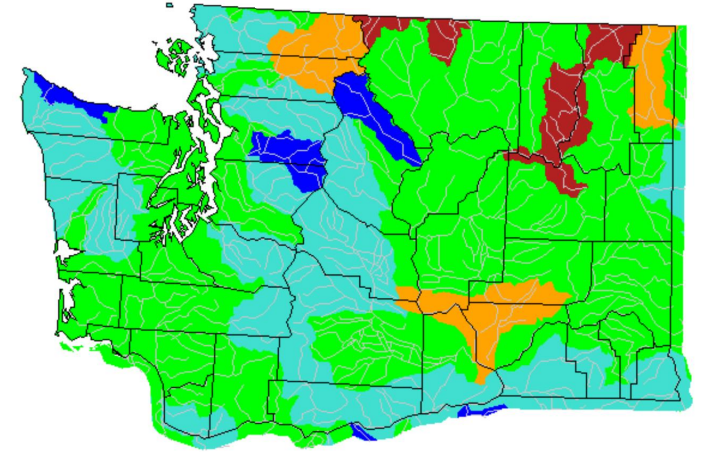
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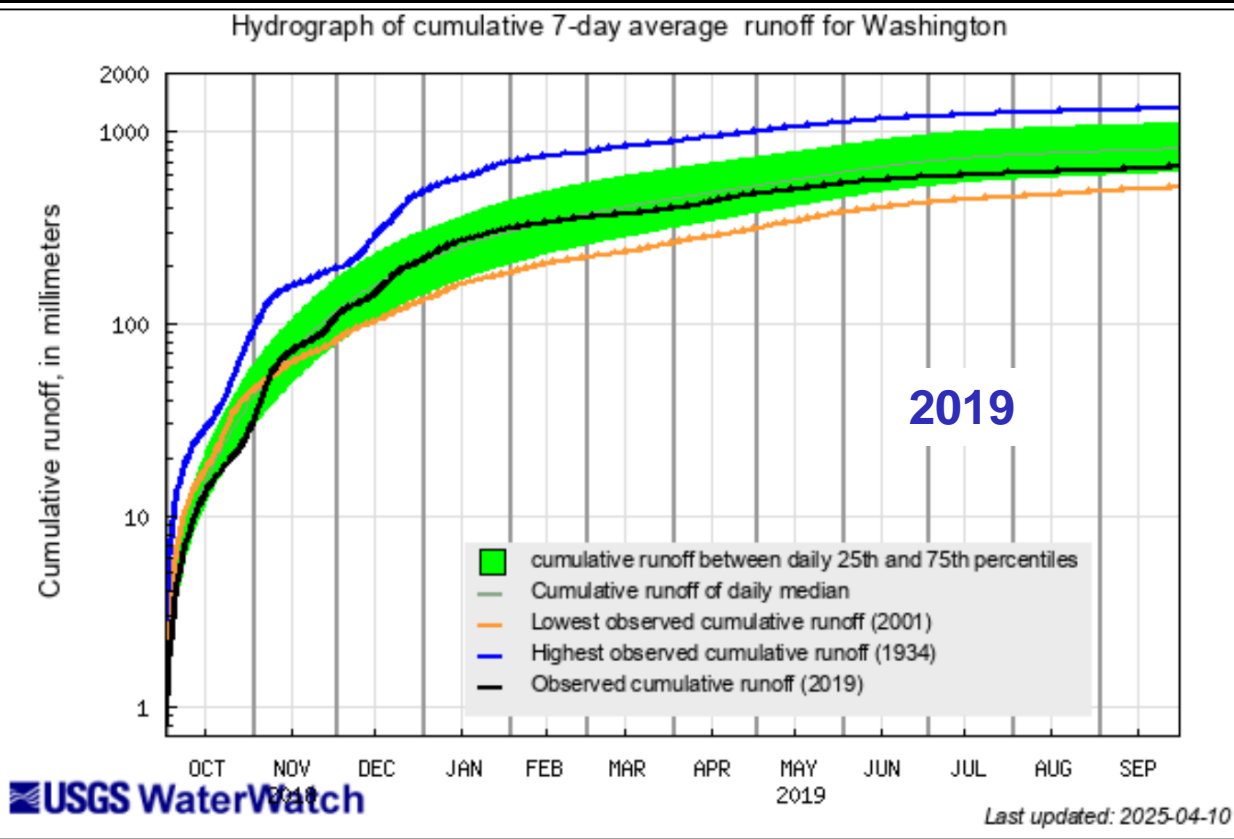
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Cumulative runoff hydrograph

Area-based runoff based on 7-day average

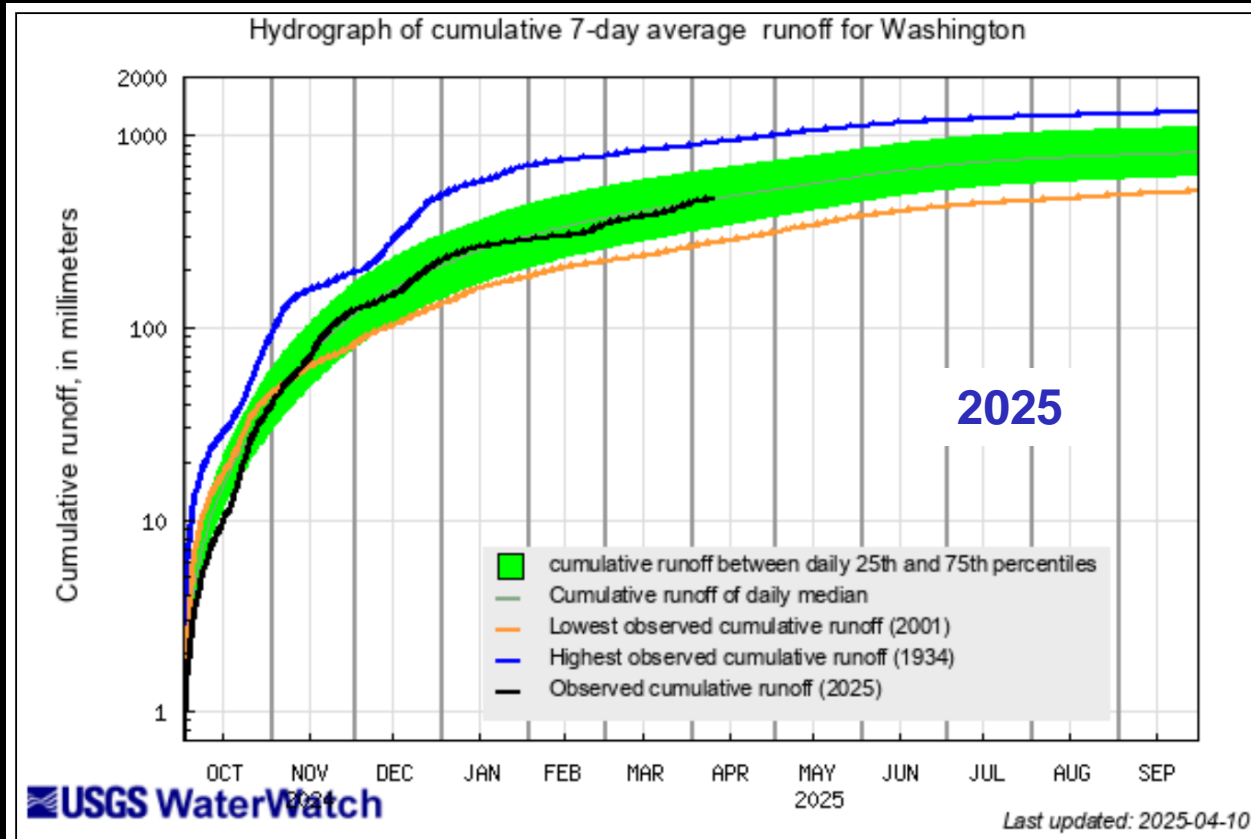
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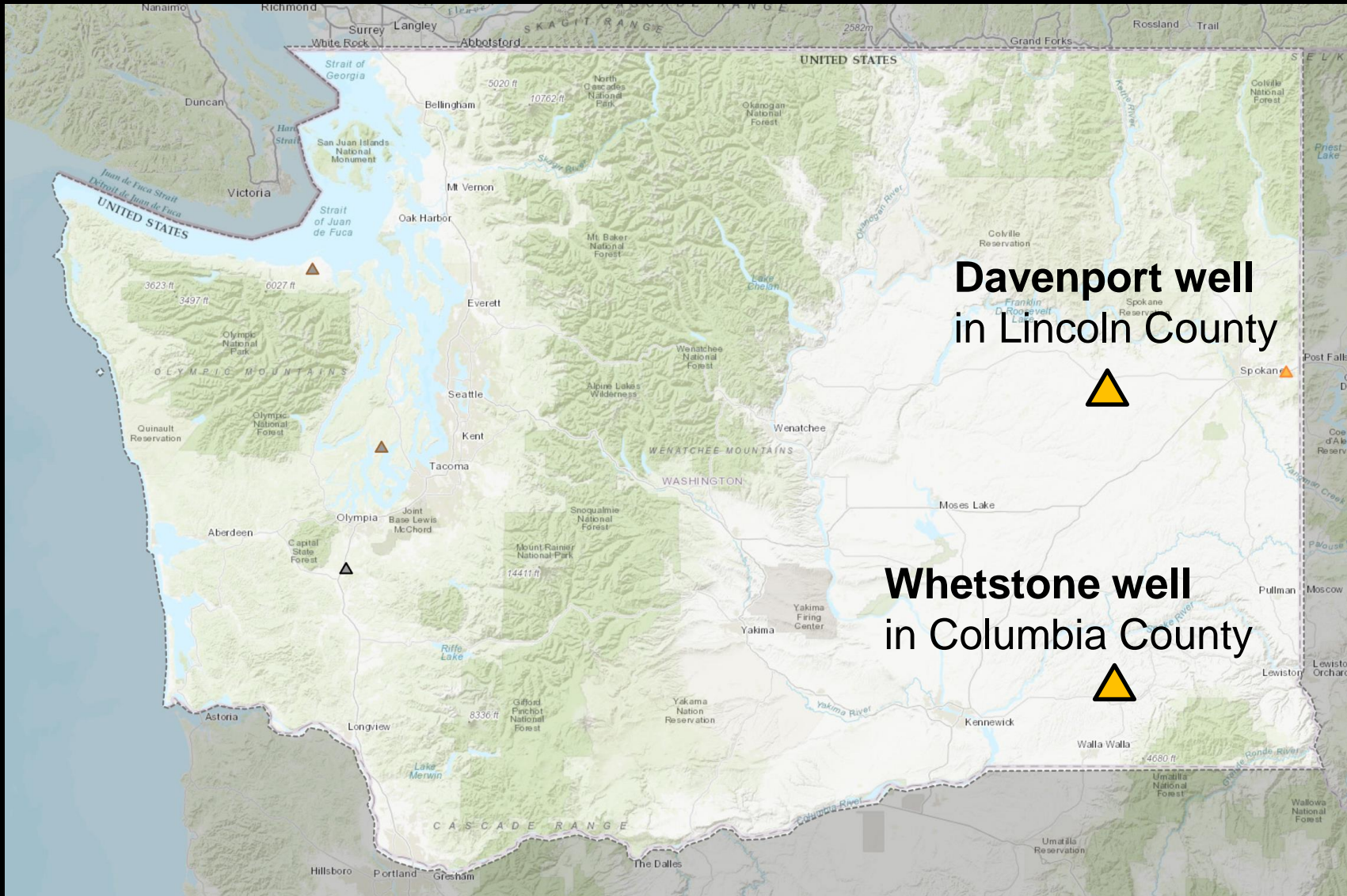
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2025 water year

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Two reference groundwater wells



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Davenport Well Groundwater Conditions

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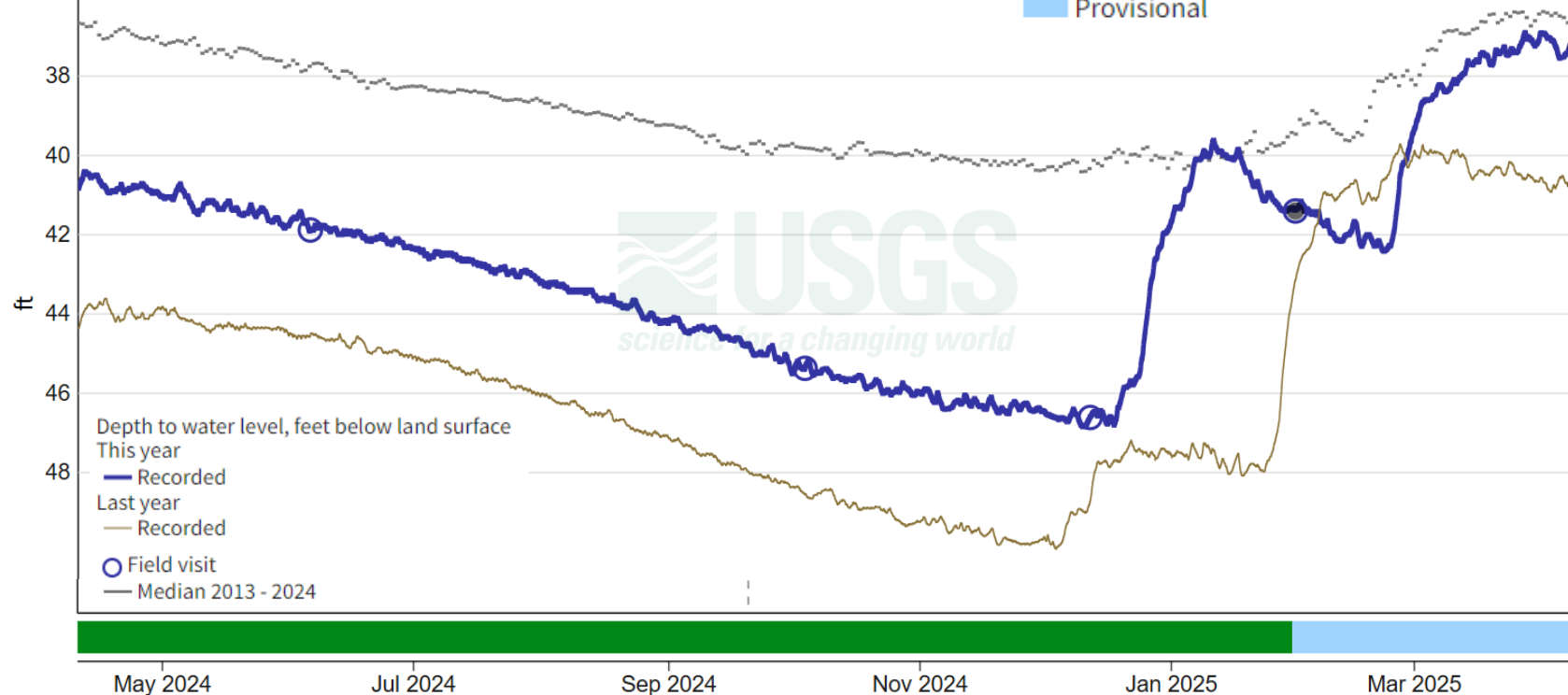
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Depth to water level, feet below land surface

37.26 ft - Apr 08, 2025 12:45:00 PM PDT

40.74 ft - Apr 08, 2024 12:45:00 PM PDT

41.40 ft - Jan 30, 2025 09:43:00 AM PST

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Davenport well

Well Details

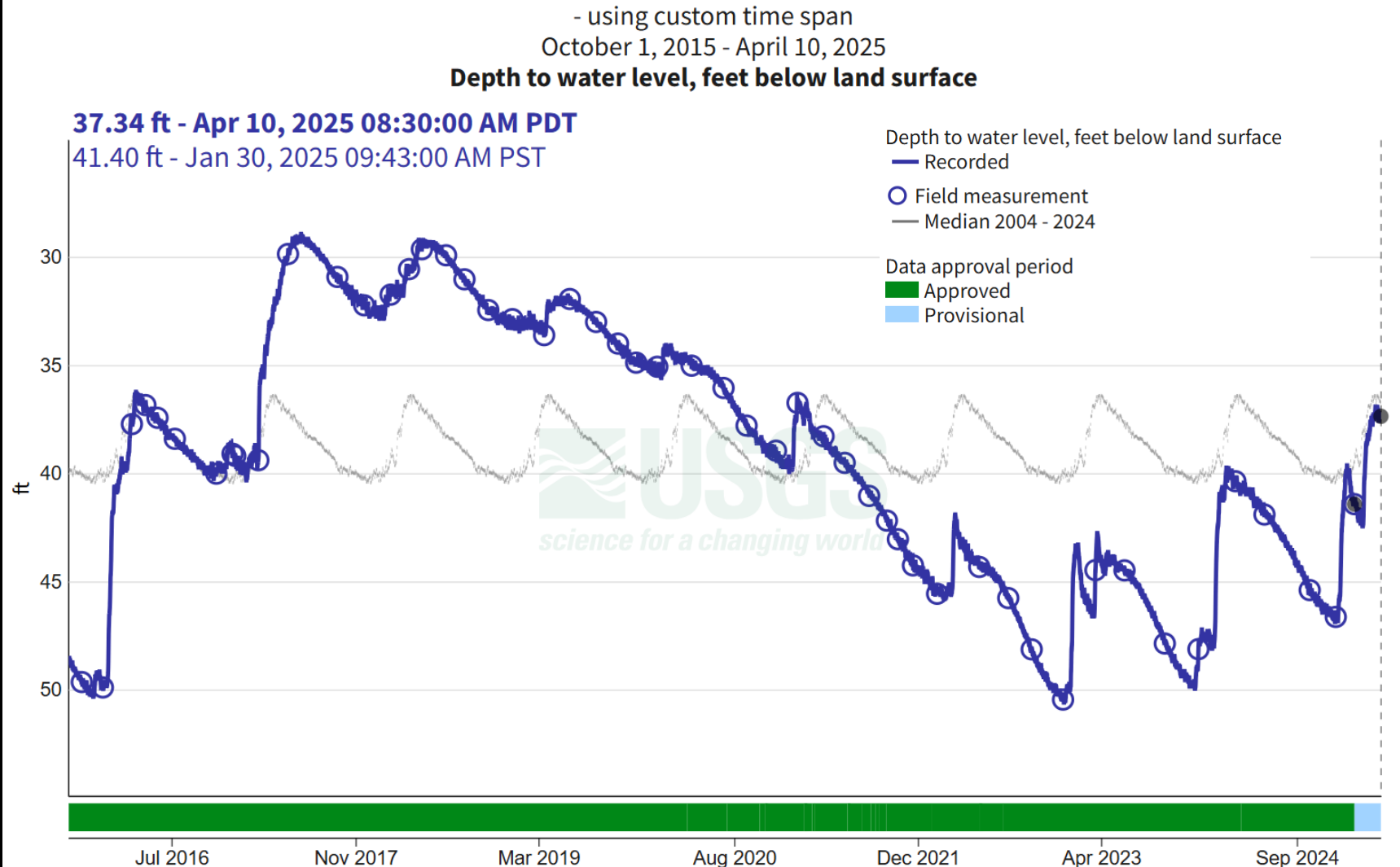
- Lincoln County
- 117-ft deep
- Wanapum Basalt

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Whetstone Well Groundwater Conditions

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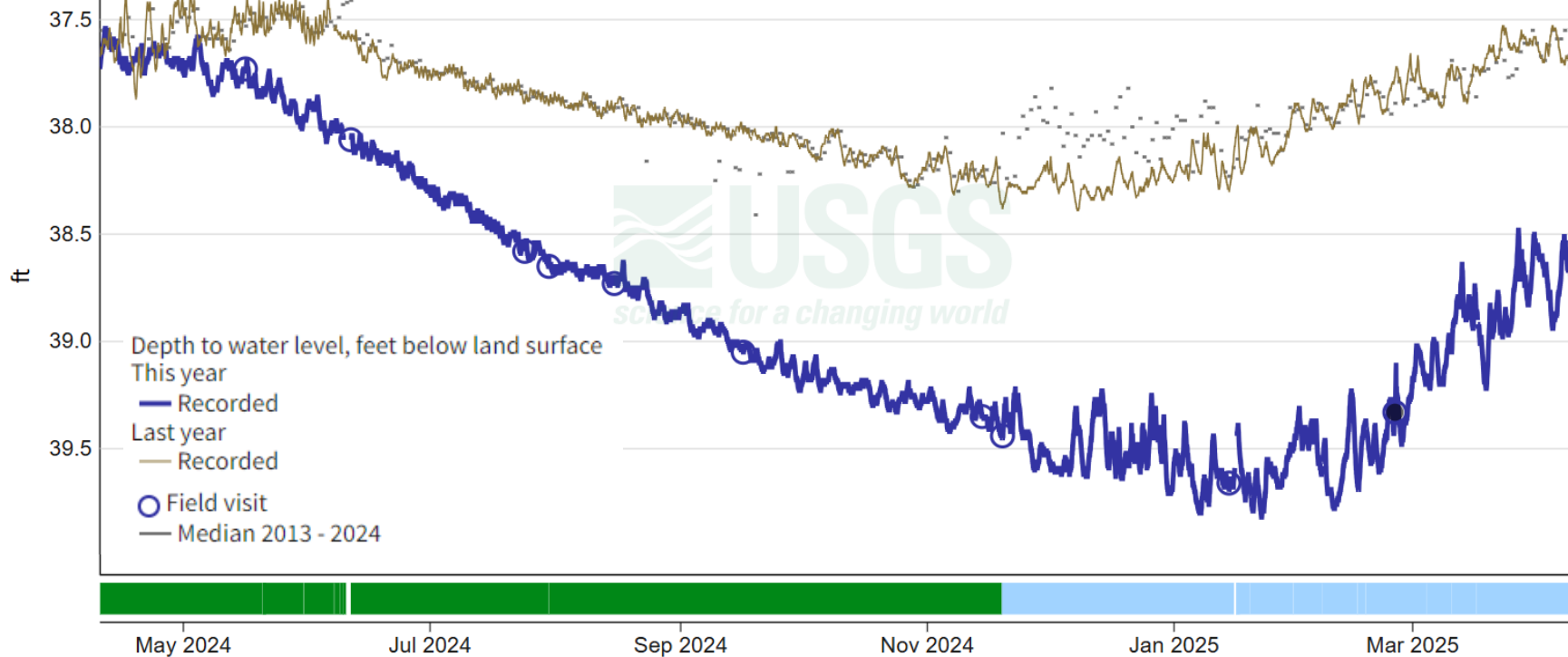
April 10, 2024 - April 10, 2025
Depth to water level, feet below land surface

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Whetstone well

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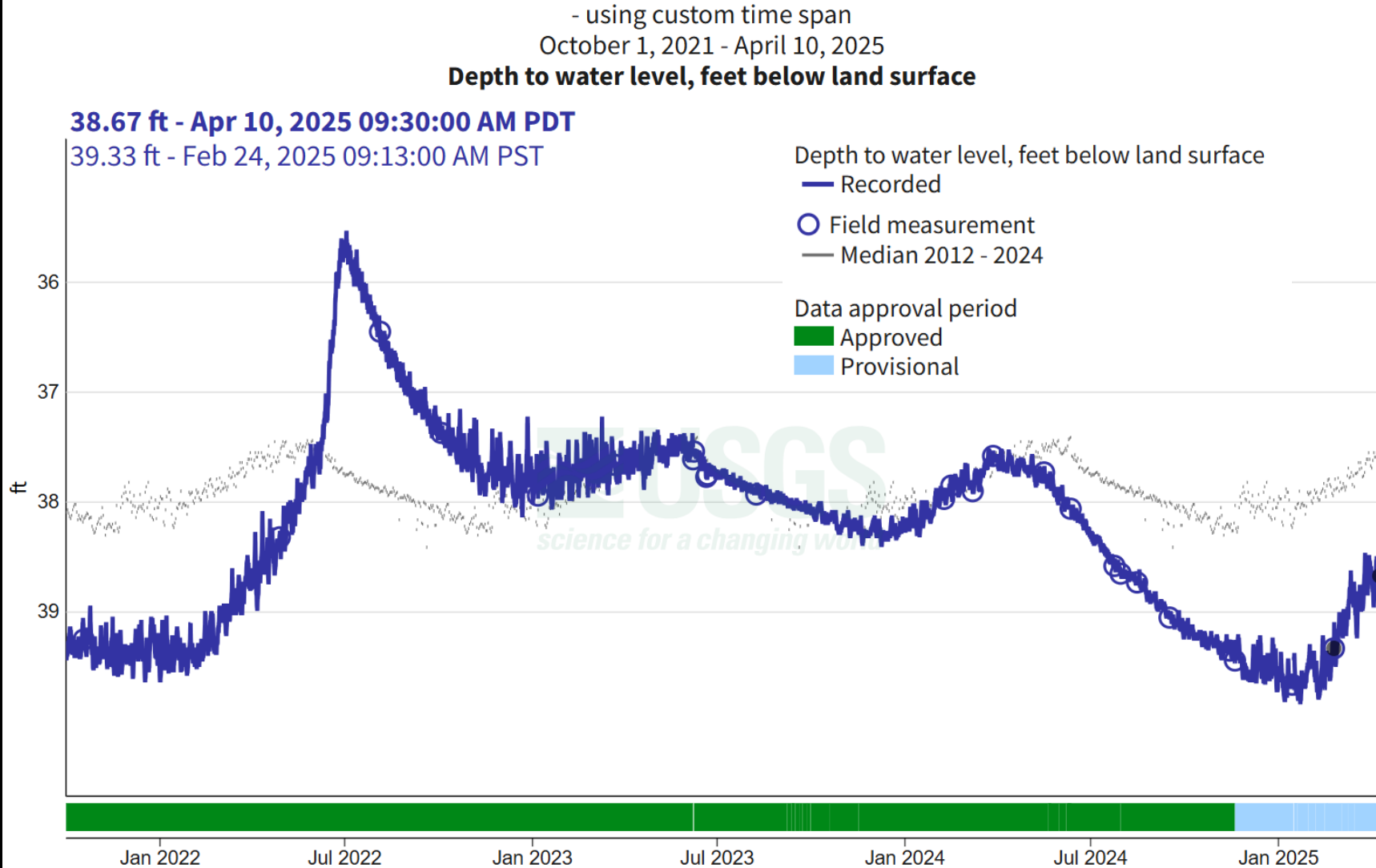
- Columbia County near Waitsburg
- 172.5-ft deep
- Grande Ronde Basalt Formation

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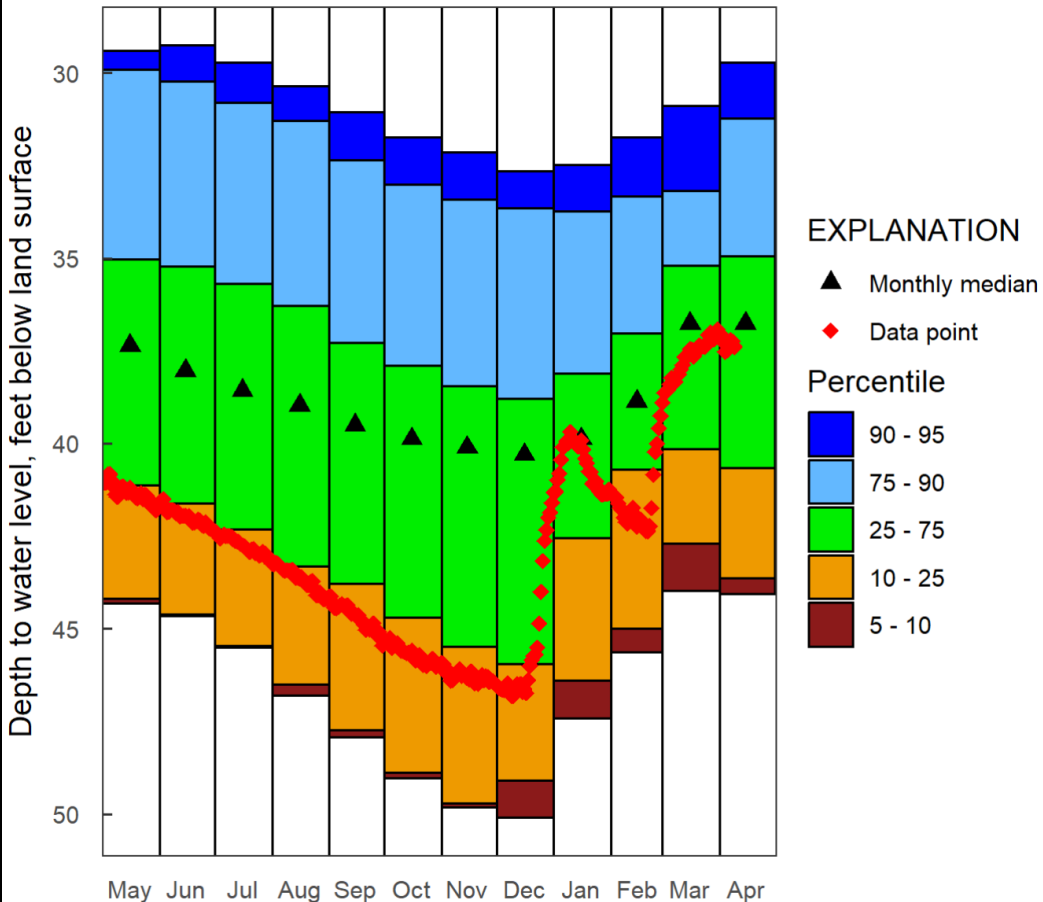
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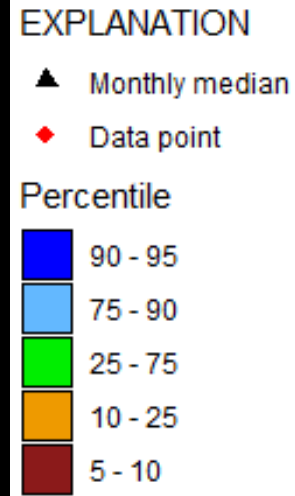
Davenport well

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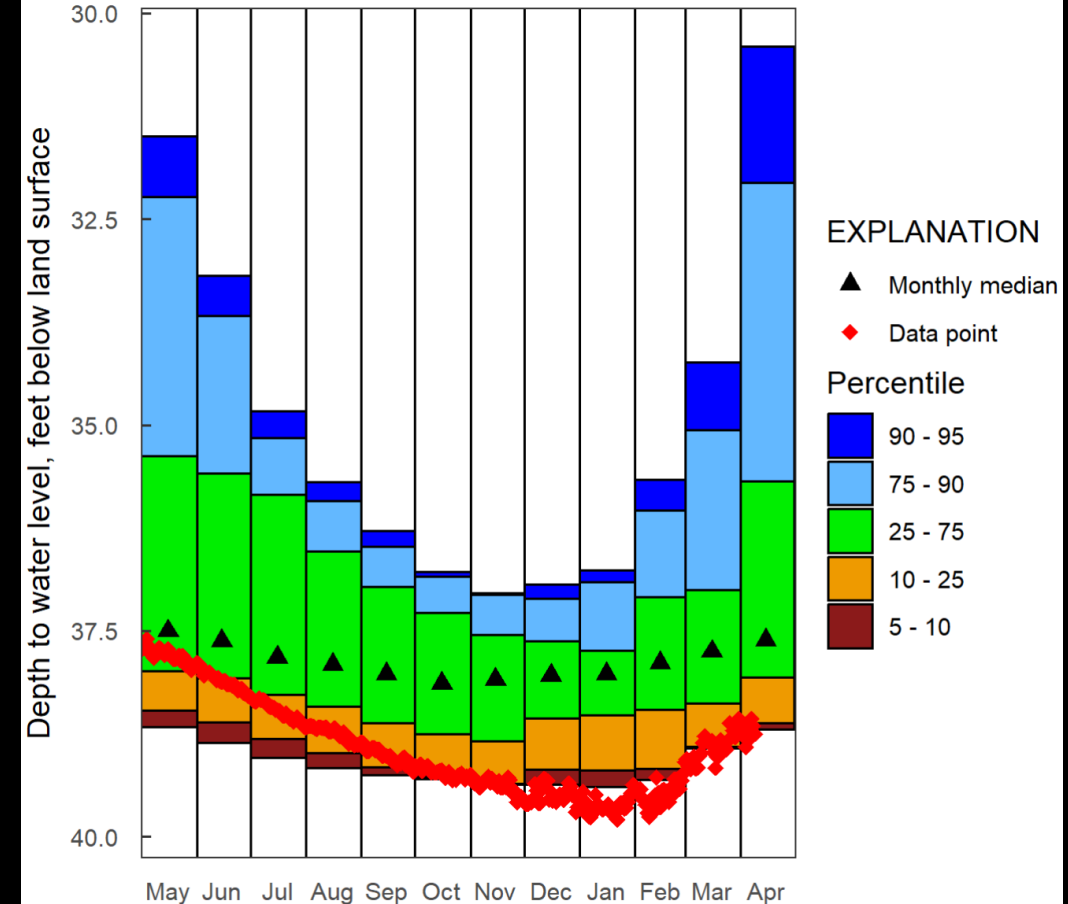


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Summary of Washington Streamflow and Groundwater Conditions as of 9 April 2025

7-day average streamflow at eight index gaging stations:

Normal

- Chehalis River nr. Grand Mound
- EF Lewis River
- Hangman Creek
- Walla Walla River

Above Normal

- Quinault River
- Puyallup River nr. Orting

Much Above Normal

- American River
- Nooksack River

Cumulative Runoff Hydrograph

Normal for water year 2025

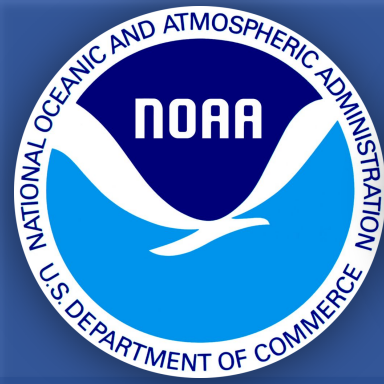
Area-based Runoff Duration Hydrograph

Normal for water year 2025

Monthly average groundwater conditions:

- Davenport well –
 - Normal
- Whetstone well
 - Below to much below normal

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Apr 2025 Washington Water Supply

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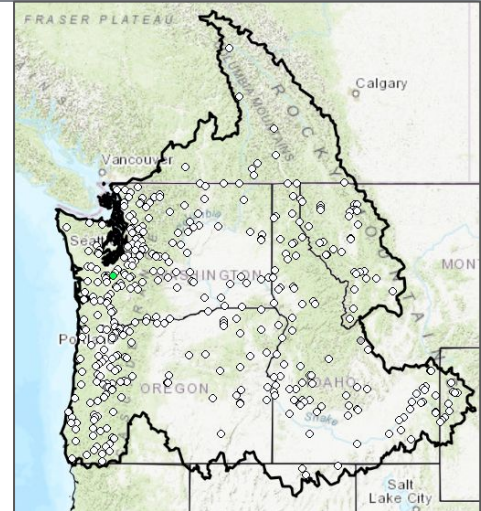
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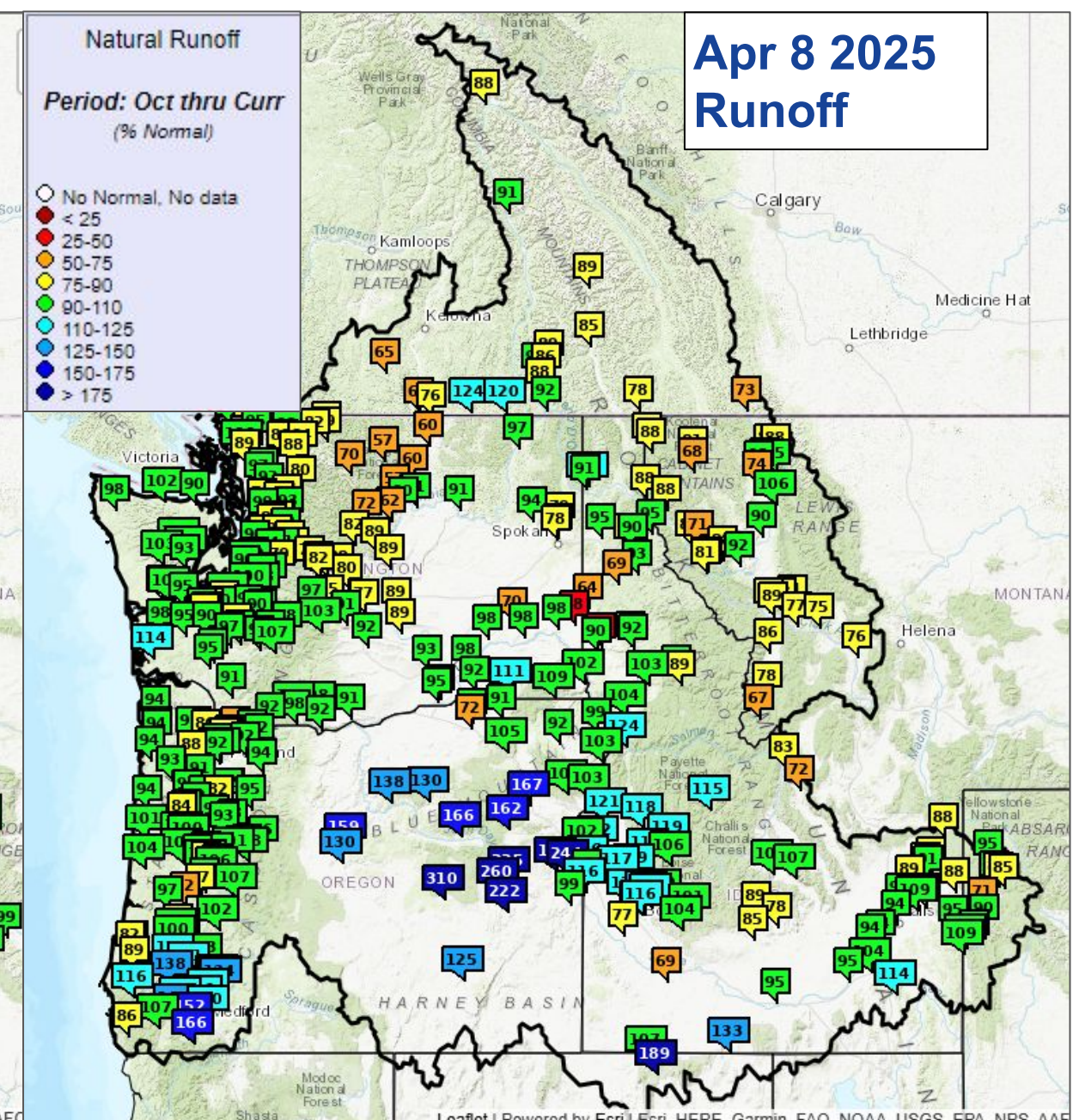
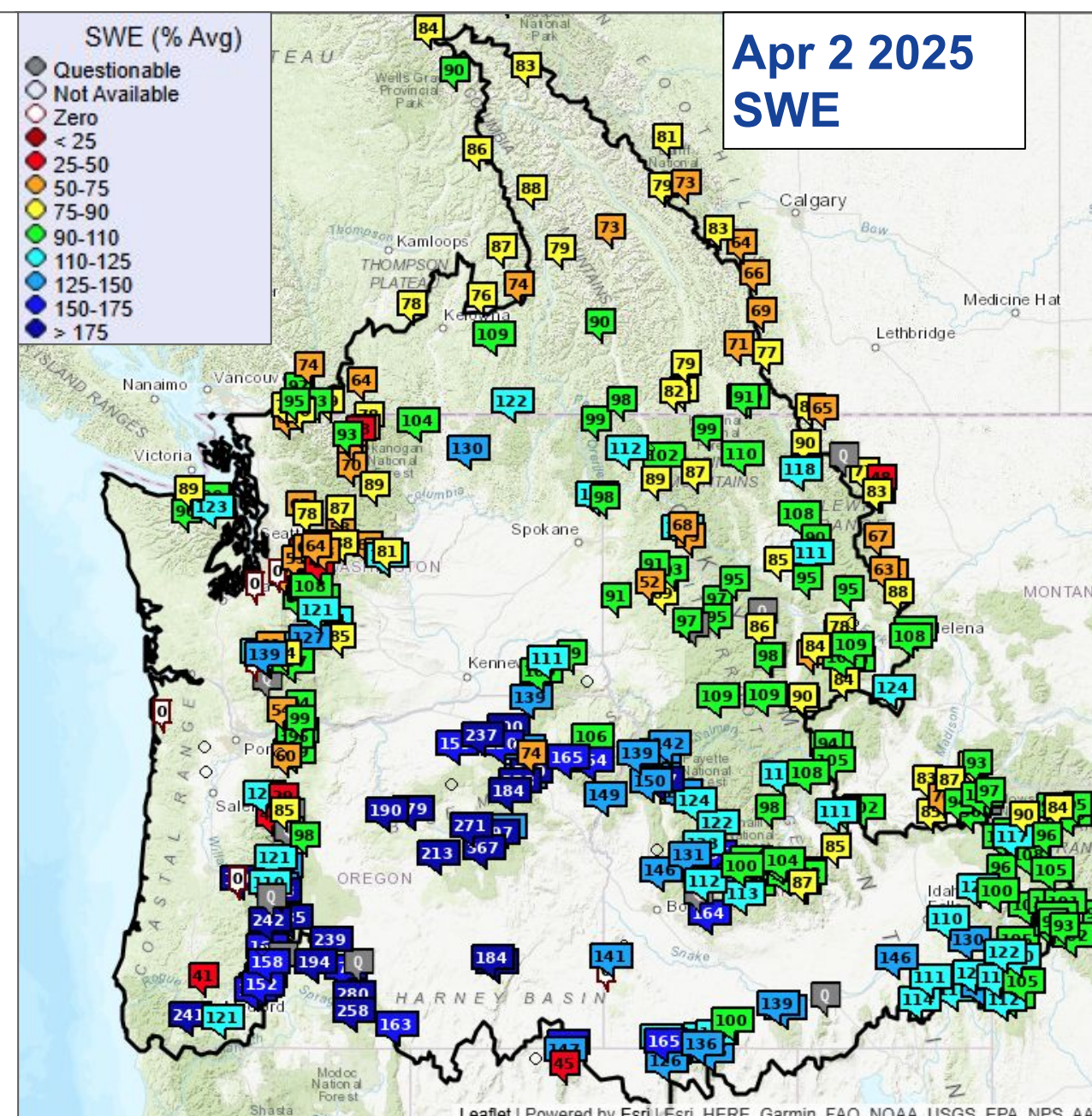
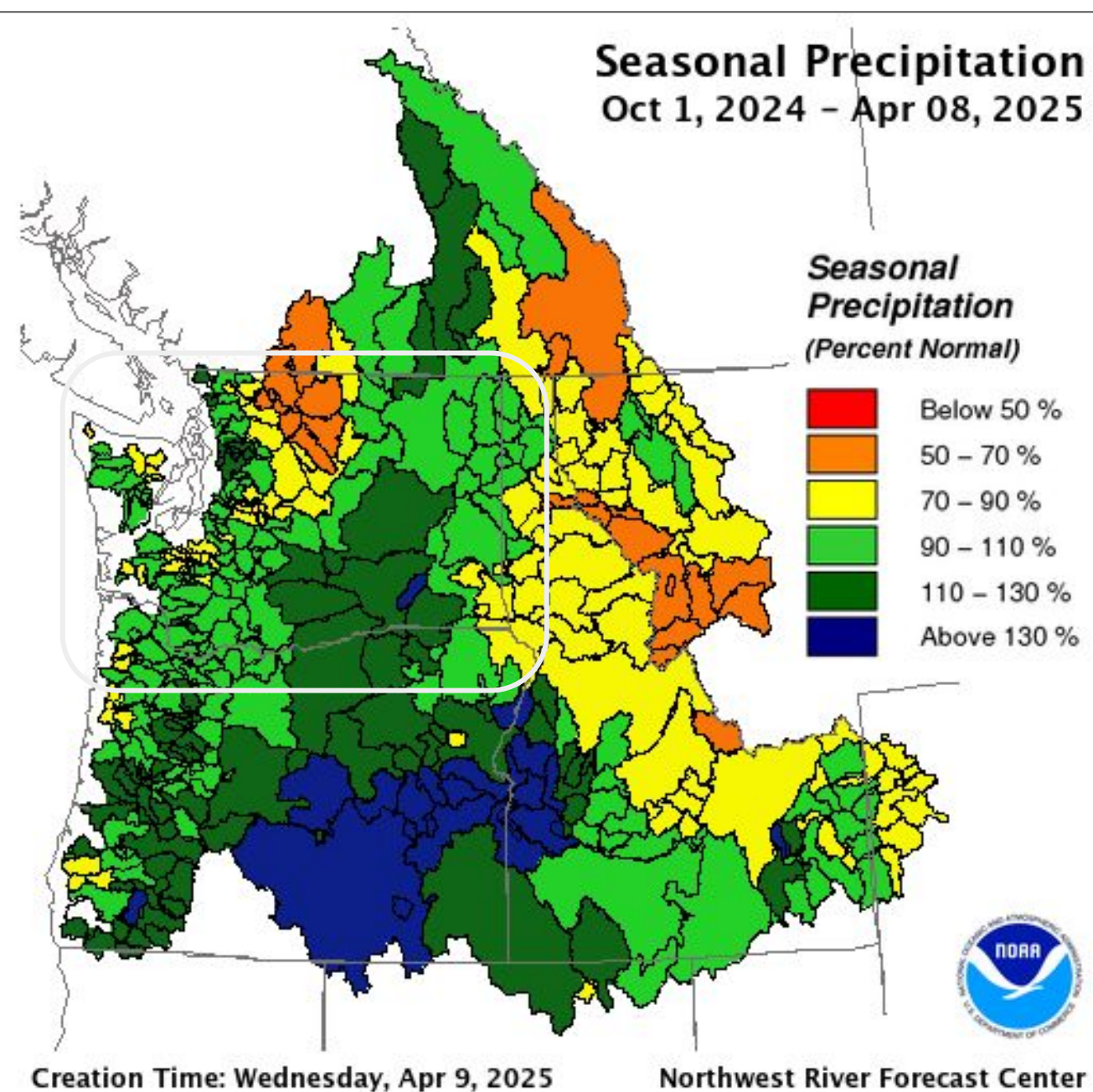


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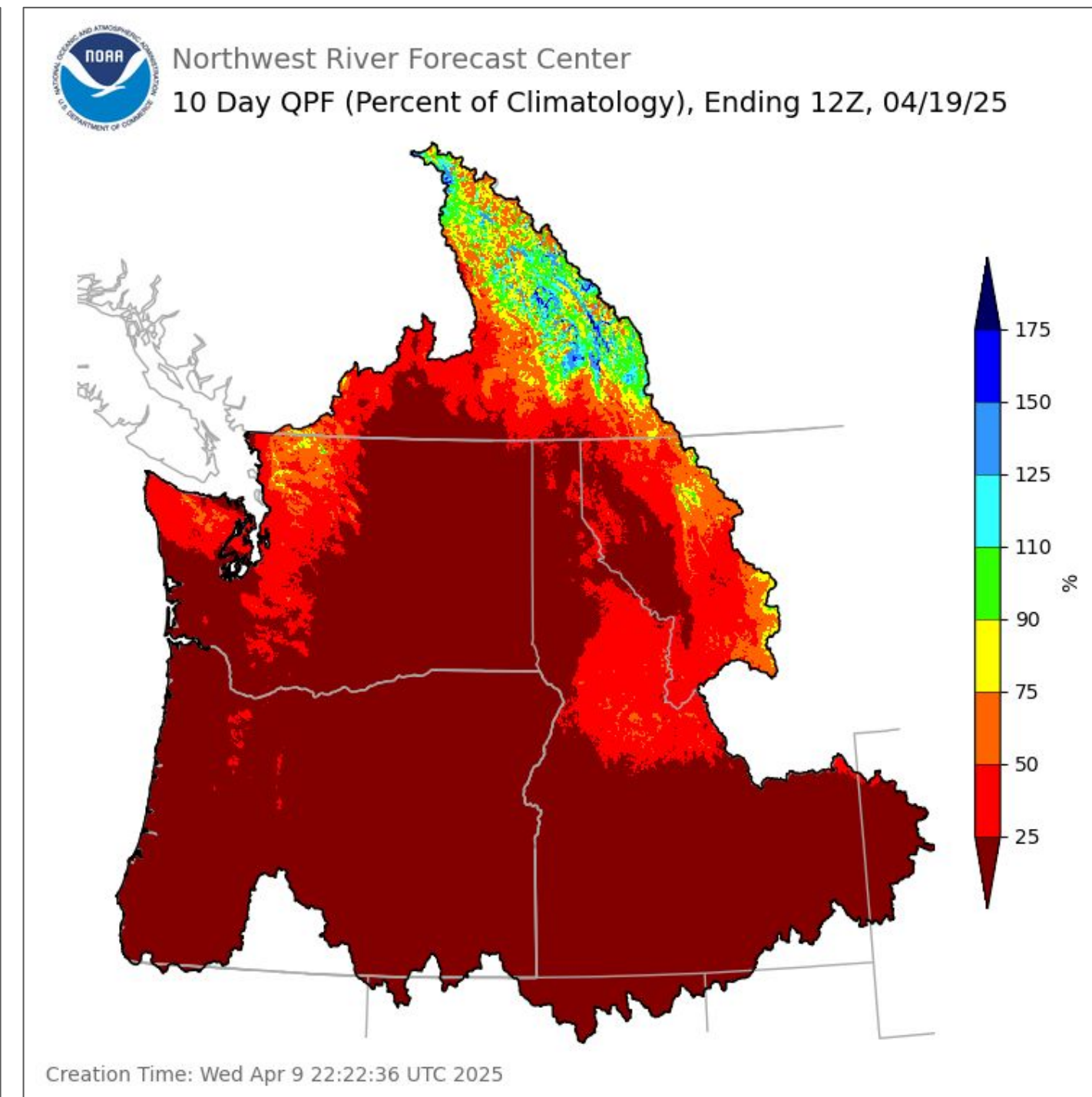
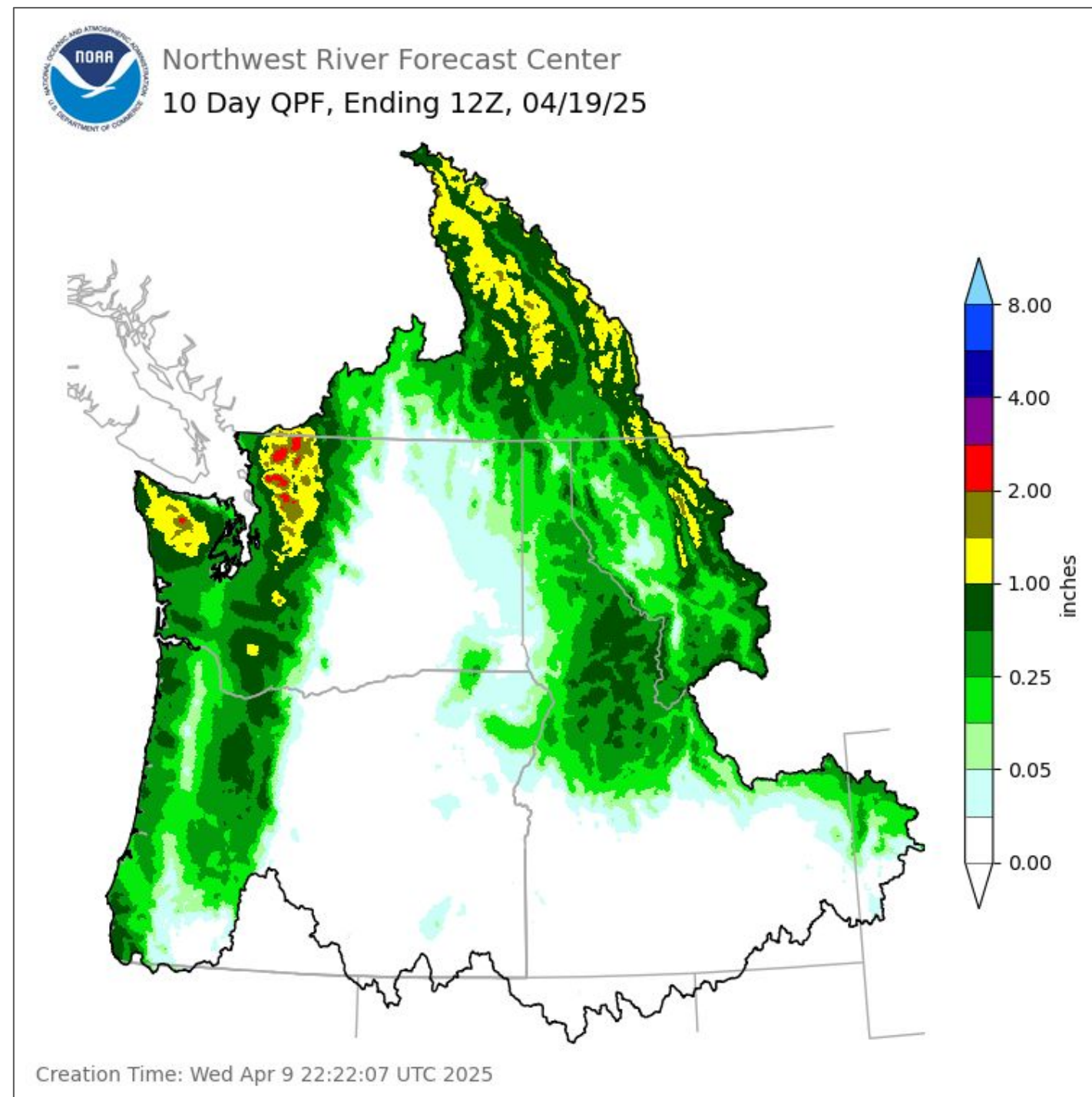


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Precipitation, Snowpack and Runoff

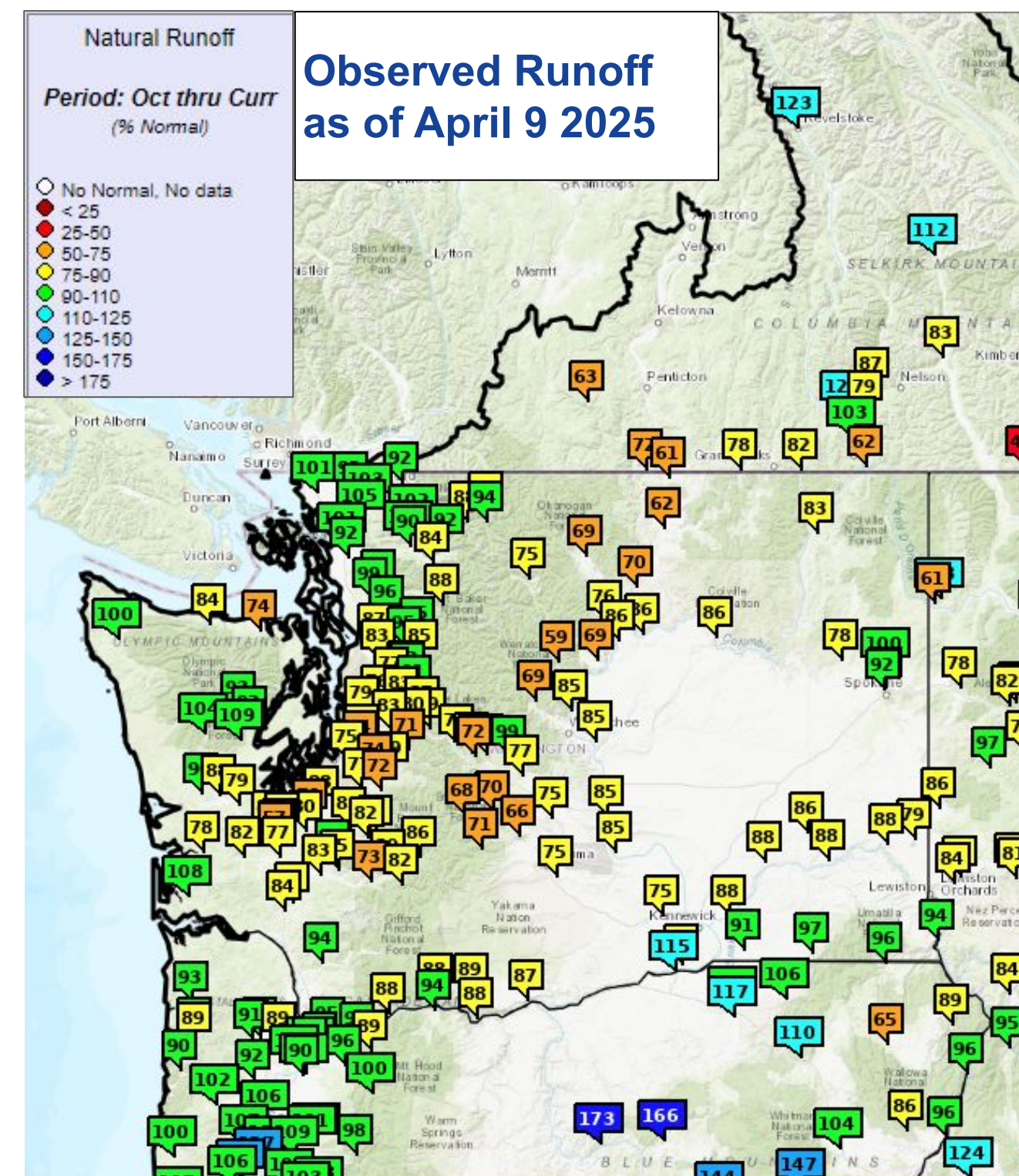
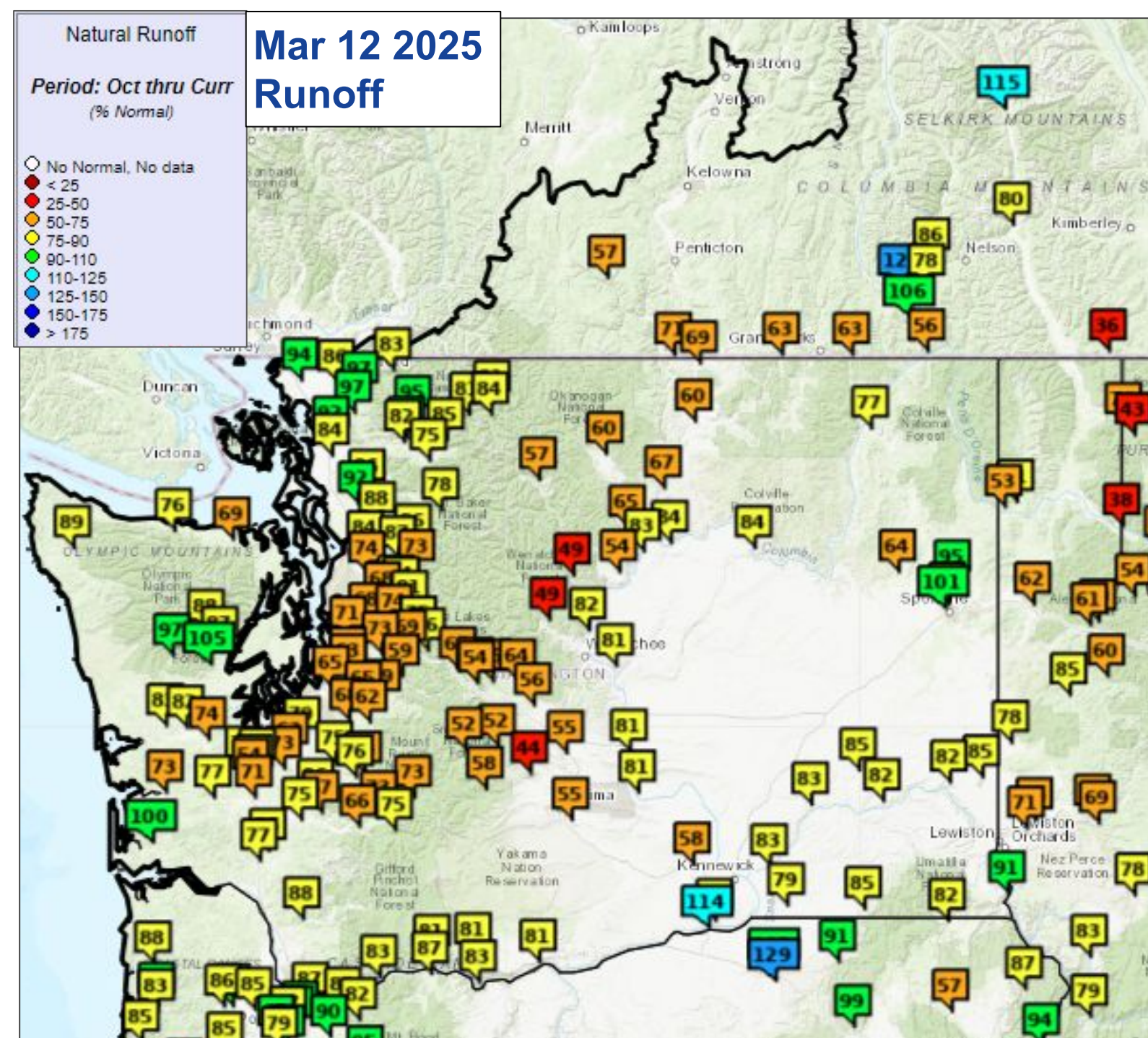


10 Day Precipitation Forecast used in ESP10 Forecasts



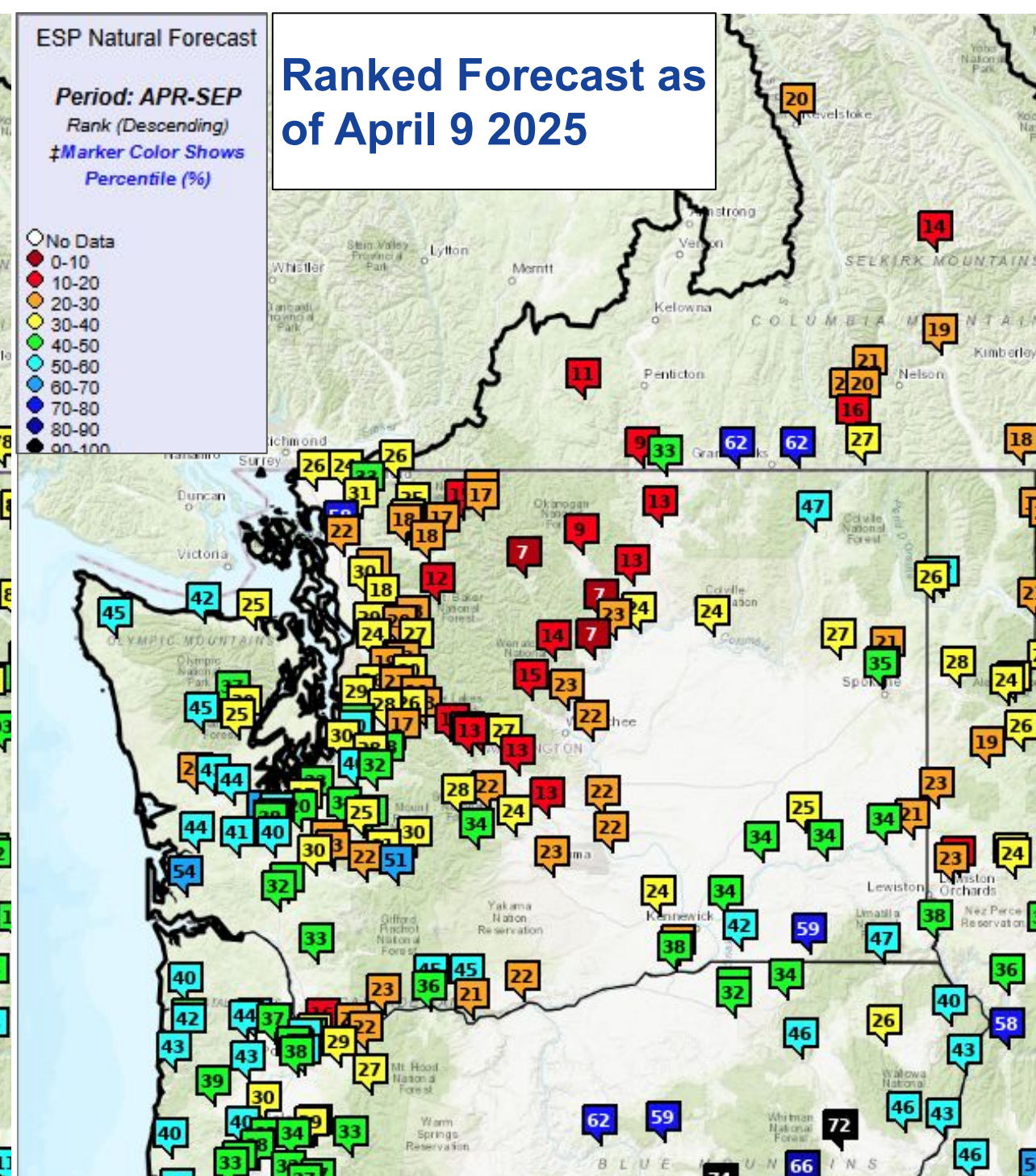
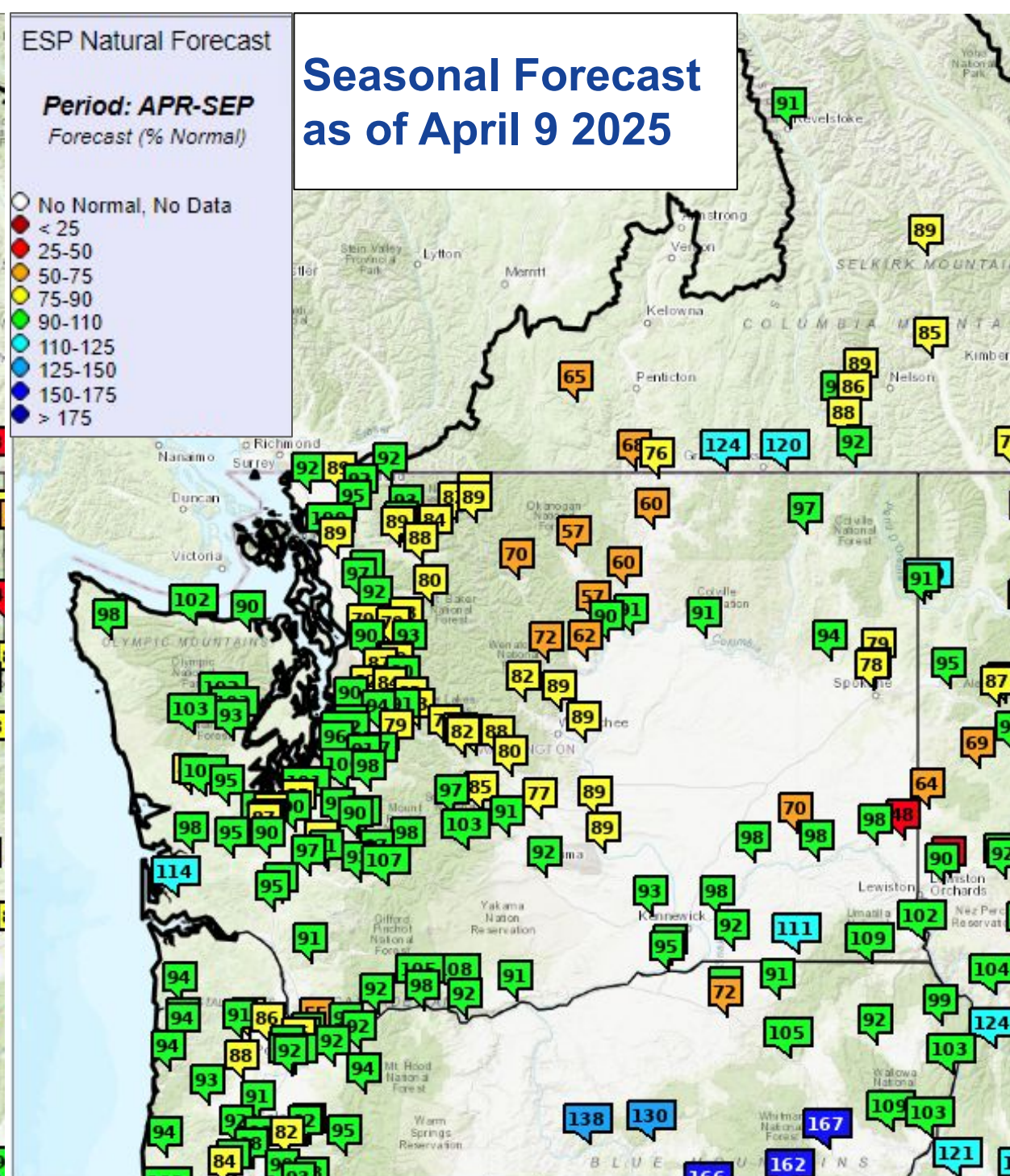
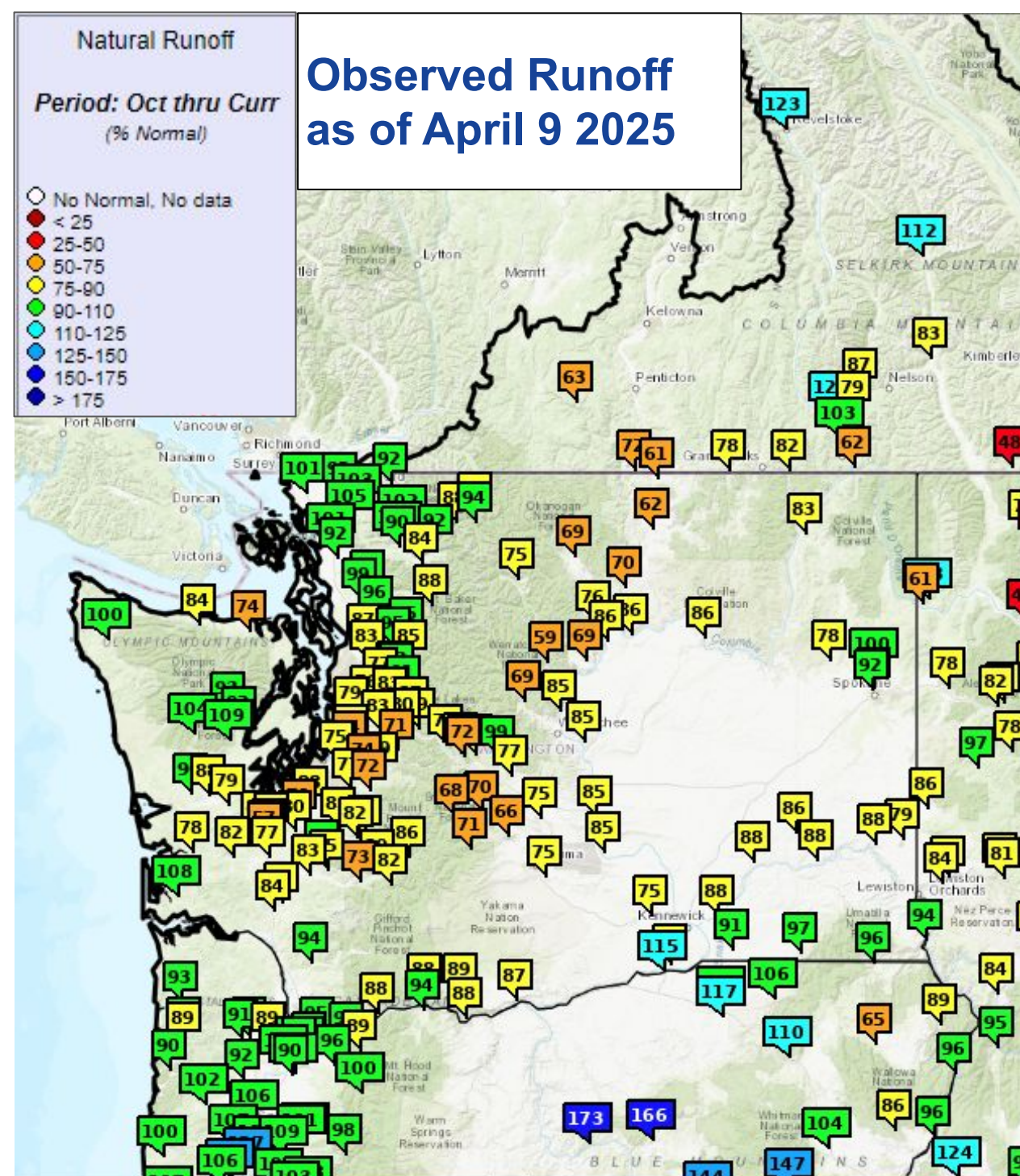
Quantitative Precipitation Forecast (QPF) Sources
 Days 1 - 2 NWS Weather Forecast Offices (WFO) in the US, WPC in BC
 Days 3 - 7 NWS Weather Prediction Center (WPC)
 Days 8 - 10 NWS National Blend of Models (NBM)

WY Runoff and Apr - Sep Forecasts



- Water year total runoff percent of normal has improved since March in some areas

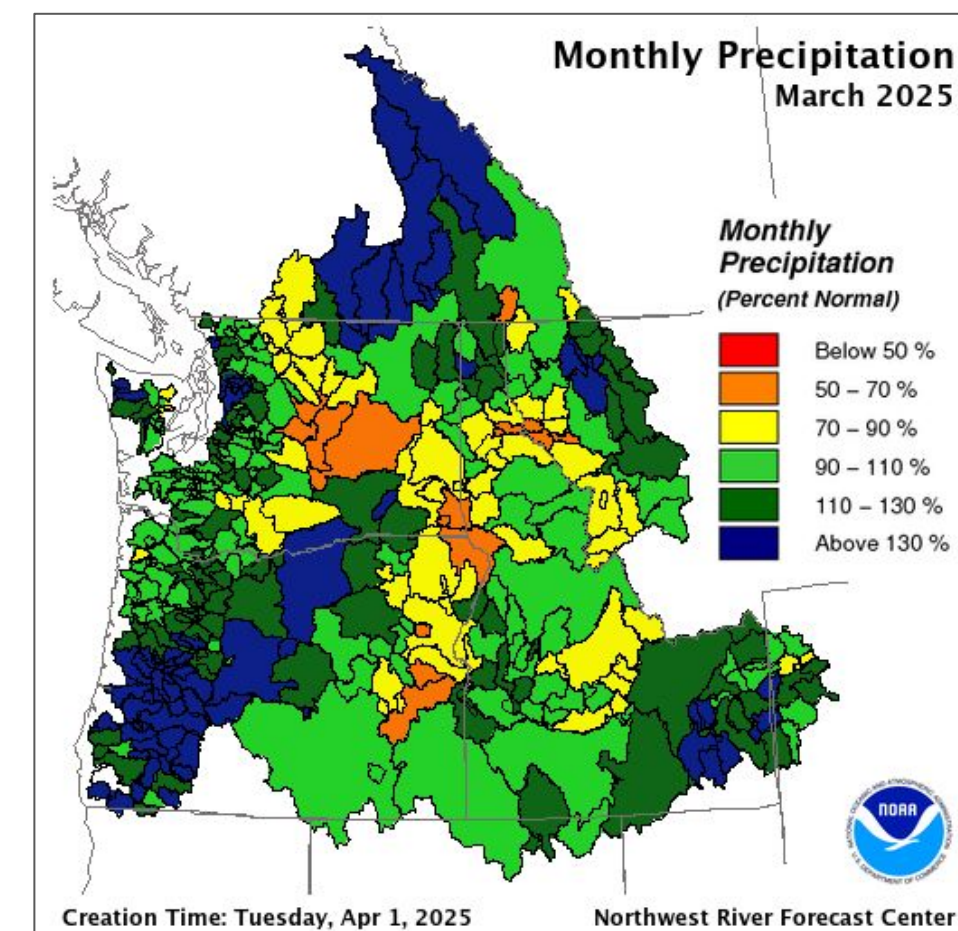
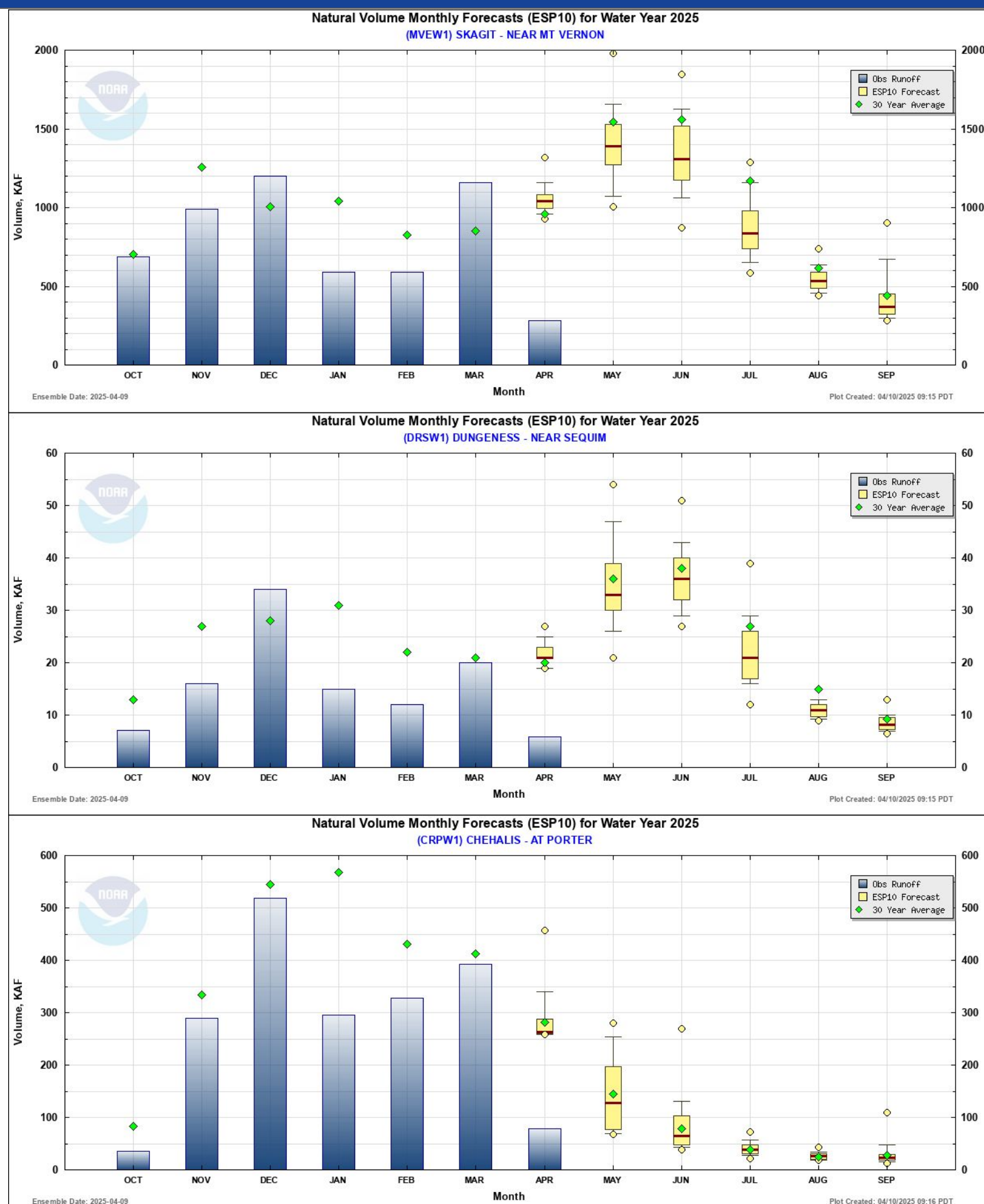
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- Forecasts for the Apr-Sep period remain higher than observed runoff
- Ranking the forecasts volumes against their historical records helps highlight areas of concern

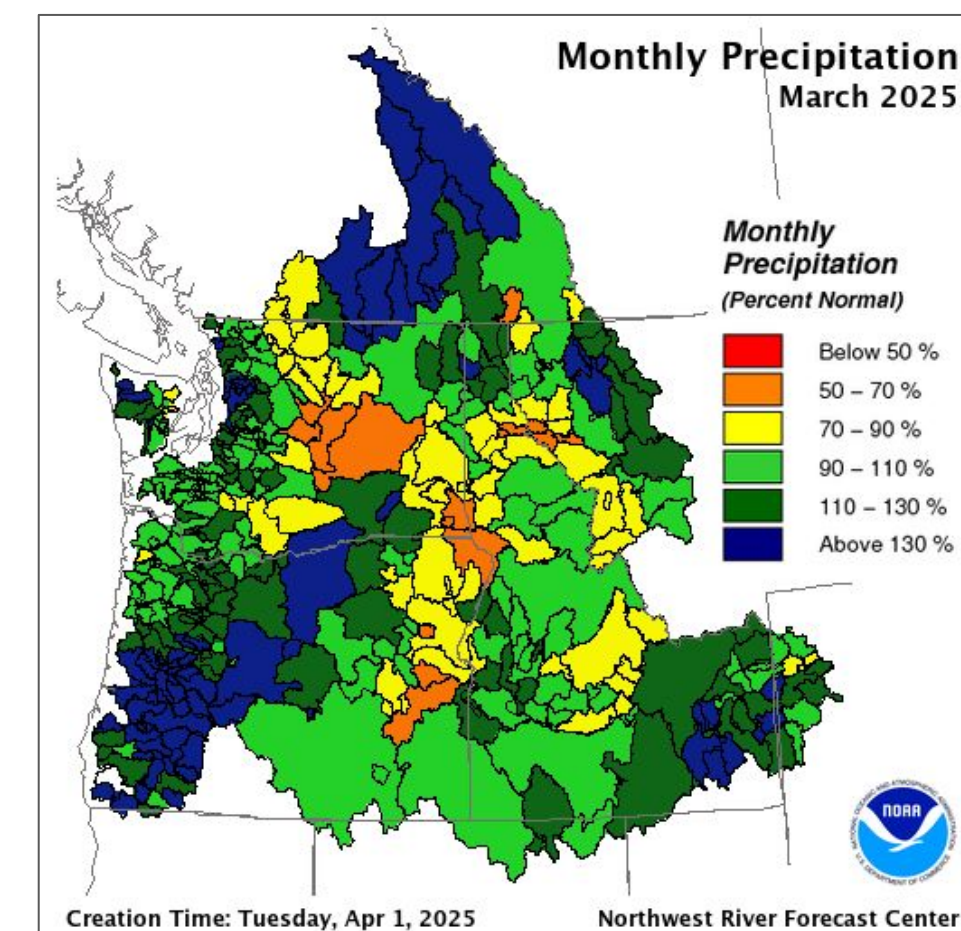
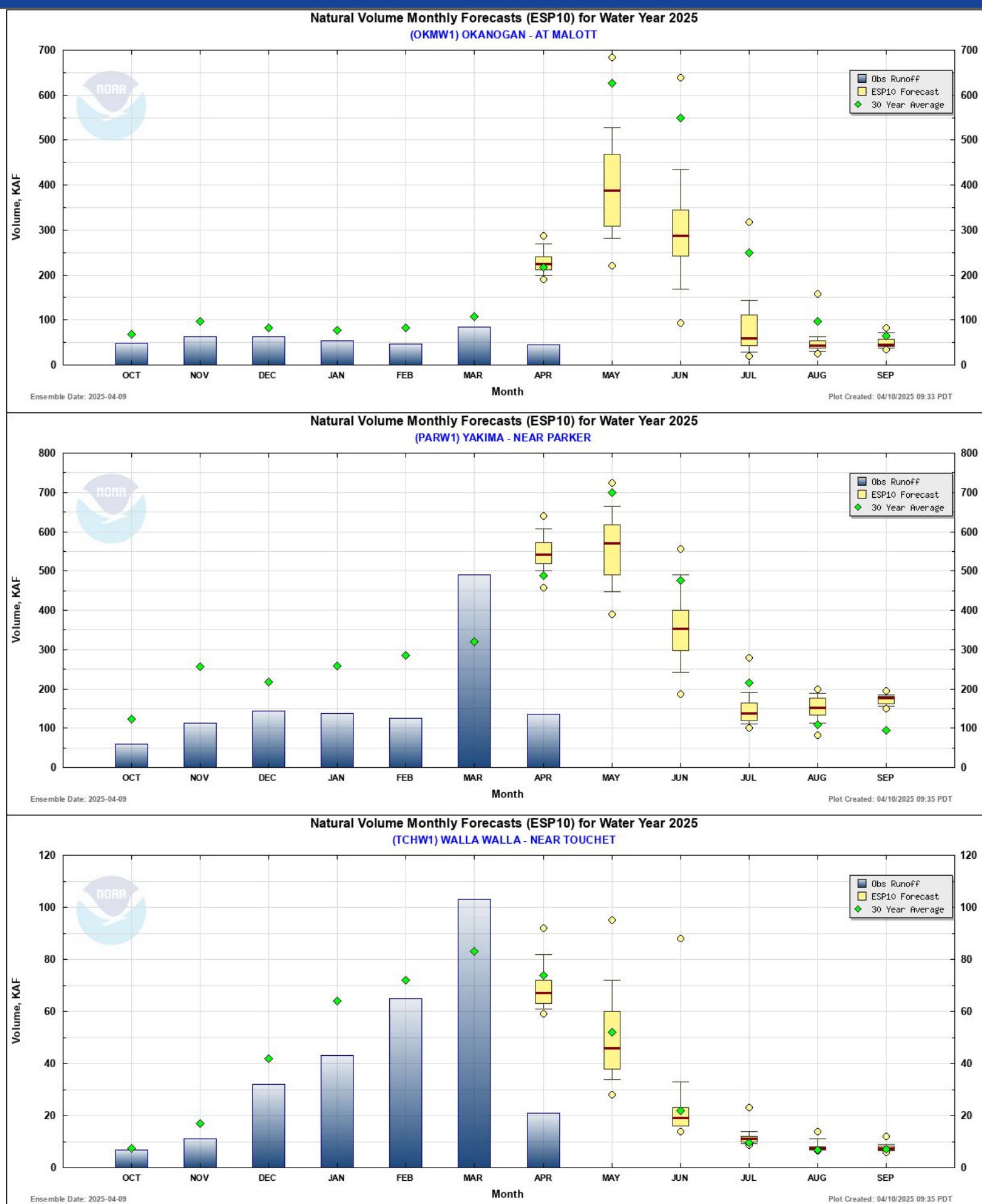
West Side Apr - Sep Forecasts

- Basins on the west slope of the Cascades had higher than normal March runoff



West Side Apr - Sep Forecasts

- Basins on the east slope of the Cascades had a mix of above and below normal March runoff



Takeaways

- March was wet compared to normal for most of Washington
- Runoff since October 1 improved over the last month but remains below normal in key areas
- Precipitation forecasts for the next 10 days is below normal. Will any precipitation make it over the cascades to the east side?
- Apr-Sep river forecasts have bumped up in many areas, yet still remain below normal especially for north-central, areas near the Cascade crest and Olympics